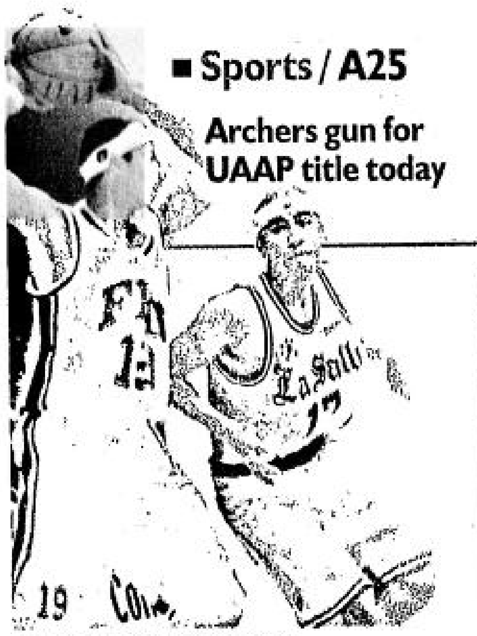

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Miriam: Money can buy a seat in 'Senate of idiots'

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

ANGELES CITY—"The Senate of idiots of the Republic of the Philippines," this was what Sen. Miriam Defen-

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MGA IDIOTS KAMI, I MEAN SILA PALA.

Palace defends mutineers

Cebu drug bust: ₱1.3B worth of shabu seized

By Jolene R. Bulambot
PDI Visayas Bureau
and Alcuin Papa

POLICE authorities scored a major victory in Cebu province yesterday, uncovering a secret factory for the illegal manufacture of *shabu* or methamphetamine hydrochoride, in what is believed to be one of the biggest such laboratories in the Philippines, if not in Southeast Asia.

Anti-narcotics agents raided a warehouse that was being used as a shabu laboratory in Barangay Umapad in Mandaue City at 5 p.m. on Friday, seizing 675 kg of the drug worth P1.3 billion and arresting 11 people.

About 20 hours later, the team conducted separate raids on another laboratory and a warehouse in two neighboring Mandaue barangays yesterday.

The two laboratories and the warehouse were run by the same international drug syndicate, considered the biggest illegal drug operation in the country and possibly in Southeast Asia, according to Philippine National Police Director General Edgar Aglipay and Director Anselmo Avenido, the head of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Authorities were so elated over the haul that President Macapagal-Arroyo cut short her official activities in Albay to fly to Cebu City yesterday to personally congratulate the raiding team and to inspect the laboratories and the warehouse.

The President has made fighting illegal drugs a priority in her anti-crime campaign and last year set aside a P1-billion war chest for it.

Avenido said the raid was conducted in coordination with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and capped a month-long surveillance.

He said there were enough chemicals in what authorities are calling a "mega-laboratory" to produce another 7.5 tons of shabu worth P15 billion.

Those arrested at the site included three Filipinos, three Chinese, two Malaysians, two Taiwanese and one Briton.

Avenido said his agency had been receiving "persistent reports" of a drug factory in Cebu where Mandaue City is located.

The Mandaue factory was the first shabu laboratory to be raided in the Visayas.

An informant reported in August the purchase of chemicals used to make

CEBU/ A8

HAPPINESS is a new pair of combat boots for Army private Crisanto Balasta in Legazpi City, where President Macapagal-Arroyo distributed 500 pairs during yesterday's visit to the Bicol region. Inadequate footwear was one of the issues raised by the Magdalo group during their takeover of the Oakwood Premiere last year.

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But Magdalo lawyer fumes over clients' contrition

By Juliet Labog-Javellana
and Alcuin Papa

THE UNTHINKABLE has happened: Malacañang rushing to defend the leaders of the Magdalo mutineers from doubters and cynics.

Citing the apology publicly made to President Macapagal-Arroyo on Friday by the six leaders, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday in a statement: "What the young officers did was highly commendable and we have much to learn from them, especially in these times of crisis and acrimony.

"It takes courage to admit one's fault and come into the mainstream of the public interest."

In an interview with RMN radio, Bunye denied that there had been a quid pro quo for the apology, and stressed that the Magdalo leaders had promised not to launch another mutiny.

He said the officers' lawyers were not aware of the decision of their clients to apologize because they had not been consulted: "According to the six officers, ... their action was purely voluntary. Nobody ordered them and we believe they did not consult their lawyers about this matter. They just discussed this among themselves and they understood the implications of what they were going to do, and did it."

But one of the lawyers, Homobono Adaza, said that he was "sad, shocked and angry" and he would file a notice of withdrawal of counsel before the court tomorrow.

"This is a 360-degree turn from their previous stand," he told reporters. "I have been taken for a ride. I thought they were willing to stand for what they believed in and what they saw was happening to this country. I can't understand this, given their stand, their principles and vision."

Adaza said the officers' apology was no longer necessary because the coup d' etat cases against 290 of the mutineers had been dismissed by a Makati court, and 28 of the remaining 31 soldiers had been granted bail.

"So what's the idea? They only prejudiced themselves and lost face," he said.

Adaza, together with Ruel Pulido, is lead counsel of the six officers. At least three other lawyers are collaborating counsel for the 300 or so soldiers who are still facing court martial for the failed mutiny on July 27, 2003.

In a short phone interview, Pulido said his clients' decision to apologize to Ms

PALACE/ A20

VIRLANIE'S 'KUYA DOMINIK'

Sharing life with street children

By Volt Contreras

NOW ON his 16th year in the Philippines, this Frenchman says he feels much safer being surrounded by street children he rescues in Metro Manila than dealing with troublesome youths in Paris.

An ex-seminarian and an award-winning social worker, Dominique Lemay heads the Virlanie Foundation Inc., one of the country's biggest non-government organizations that looks after abandoned children, unwed mothers and teenage drug users, minors fresh from jail and victims of abuse.

Next month, Lemay and the foundation board members and staff are in for some "royal treatment." A major benefactor—Princess Caroline of Hanover, daughter of the late Princess Grace of Monaco—is coming over to visit the Virlanie facilities in Manila.

Lemay recalled how his work back home often led him into what he said were violent encounters with teenage drug addicts and indigents "who showed no respect and discipline" after being brought in from the streets for rehabilitation.

When his job took him to Manila in the late '80s, he expected to face the same hostility.

Instead, he said, he has gotten plenty of hugs and kisses as the beloved "Kuya Dominik" to his hundreds of young wards.

Establishing the foundation in 1992, the man with a golden touch for fund-raising has silently expanded the foundation into a network of 12 caring centers—nine in Makati City, two in Manila and one in Balayan, Batangas.

"I cannot ... let children live like animals. It's not their fault that they are in the streets," he told the INQUIRER in an interview late last month. Lemay

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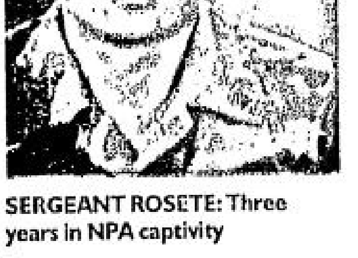
Girl pleads with NPA to free pa after 3 years

By Margaux C. Ortiz



SERGEANT ROSETE: Three years in NPA captivity

FREEDOM is this daughter's wish for her father, who is celebrating his 49th birthday tomorrow.

Her father, Marine Staff Sgt. Jeremias Rosete, a captive of the New People's Army, "always made it a point to celebrate his birthday with us," Rosemarie Rosete, 18, told the INQUIRER with a sad smile.

She said her father would travel for two hours from Koronadal City in South Cotabato to their home in Cotabato City to cook for his family on his birthday.

"He loved special occasions, never forgetting to send us greeting cards on birthdays and anniversaries. Not hearing from him for three years has caused us unimaginable pain," Rosemarie said.

Rosete was captured on Sept. 4, 2001, by the NPA's Valentin Palamine Command along with

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FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao including Palawan will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Alert raised for Filipinos in Iraq

FOLLOWING warnings from her special envoy to Iraq that insurgents there might launch fresh attempts to kidnap Filipino workers, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered officials to step up the alert level for the more than 4,000 Filipinos there and consider evacuation if the security situation worsened.

The President told Filipinos in Iraq to be "forewarned of imminent danger to their lives, and thereby avoid being targets of opportunistic terrorist attacks," her spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

Bunye said the President has approved a "heightened alert status" for Filipinos in Iraq as recommended by the Department of Foreign Affairs and ordered that all measures be stepped up "to keep them out of harm's way."

He said the special ambassador to the Middle East, Roy Cimatu, who heads the foreign affairs department's Iraq section, had warned the Cabinet earlier this week that the "probability of abduction of Filipinos has risen as a result of the current law and order situation in that country."

The Philippines pulled its token humanitarian contingent out of Iraq in July to meet the demand of kidnappers who had abducted truck driver Angelo de la Cruz and threatened to behead him.

The withdrawal strained relations with the United States and Australia as well as other members of the coalition that supported the military action against Saddam Hussein.

Cimatu said on Thursday that it was the government's belief that the sharp rise in bombings and kidnappings in Iraq over the past week was apparently intended to influence the elections in Australia next month and the United States in November.

Bunye said the foreign and labor departments had been instructed to take more aggressive safety precautions at work sites, institute preventive travel sanctions and instigate the speedy repatriation of those in most danger and to inform the public when such actions are taken.

He said the DFA was maintaining a policy of "proactive transparency" so that Filipinos in Iraq could be forewarned and avoid being made targets of attacks.

In an interview with RMN radio, Bunye said officials were preparing contingency plans for the worst-case scenario, including the evacuation of the Filipinos in Iraq.

"The situation in the Middle East, according to the monitoring of our Middle East team, appears to be taking a turn for the worst," Bunye said.

The President has not lifted the ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Iraq despite the appeal of workers who insist on leaving.

The government imposed an Iraq travel ban following the kidnapping of De la Cruz who was released unharmed.

"That is why we are appealing to our countrymen, especially those who are insisting on going to Iraq, that it is a dangerous place at this time. They should think of their safety because if they fall into harm, their families would be affected," Bunye said.

Cimatu said that he was worried about Filipinos who were entering Iraq through the back door. He said they were the ones most vulnerable to abduction. *J. Javellana, AP/AFP*

Cops told: Intensify crime war

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Nestor P. Burgos Jr.,
PDI Visayas Bureau

TWO YOUNG lives lost in two days as a result of cell phone thefts—chilling enough news to prompt an appeal from Malacañang for the police to stop the menace.

The victims were both members of media—Jose Luis Villanueva, assistant business editor of the Today newspaper, and Christopher Misajon, television anchor of GMA-6 Iloilo. Both were 29.

Other than issue an appeal to the police yesterday to curb street crimes, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye did not say what other action, if any, Malacañang was taking.

"Well, our authorities should intensify their campaign against street crimes," Bunye said in reply to a question on RMN radio.

"(They should concentrate) not only on organized crime and the fight against terrorism but ordinary street crimes because these are what our people see and hear about everyday," Bunye said.

But he said the police alone could not deal with street crime.

"What is important is that we should all help in fighting this menace and we are hoping the civilian population will also help our police force to combat these ordinary street crimes," Bunye said.

Father's grief

Villanueva was stabbed in a Baclaran-bound bus on Friday after he refused to give up his cell phone to holdup men. He was on his way home after a late-night coverage in Makati City.

Misajon, a co-anchor on the Ratsada news program, died at about 1:30 a.m. yesterday, two days after he was shot and robbed of his cellular phone and money. The bullet damaged his internal organs.

"Look at what they did to my first born. Please tell the people what they did to him"—these were the words uttered by former Silliman University president Mervyn Misajon to GMA-6 Iloilo news director Gerthrode Charlotte Tan-Baterina as he bid goodbye to his son at the intensive care unit of the Iloilo Doctors Hospital. *With a report from Alex V. Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Traders question effects of deficit on liberal trade

BAGUIO CITY—The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc. wants President Macapagal-Arroyo to assess how the country's budget deficit would affect the country's commitments to the World Trade Organization to liberalize trade.

"Zero tariffs on major imported products may be a substantial drain on (the debt-plagued government), but we all know we must bite the bullet," said Ambassador Donald Dee, the presidential envoy for international trade relations.

Dee noted that previous tariff reductions pulled down import contributions to the gross domestic product from 17 percent to 12 percent.

Businessmen here have said that the government will need to open the country to global trade soon or lose any market advantage within Asia in the next five years.

Dee said opening up the Philippine market to China and the world is the only option available "to catch up" and widen opportunities to earn and plug the budget deficit.

Noemi Saludo, PCCI president, disclosed before the 13th North Luzon Area Business Conference on Friday that Malacañang was ready to sign with China the early harvest program (EHP) in January next year, which will open the country to selected Chinese products.

Saludo said the country must be able to take advantage of the markets this would open. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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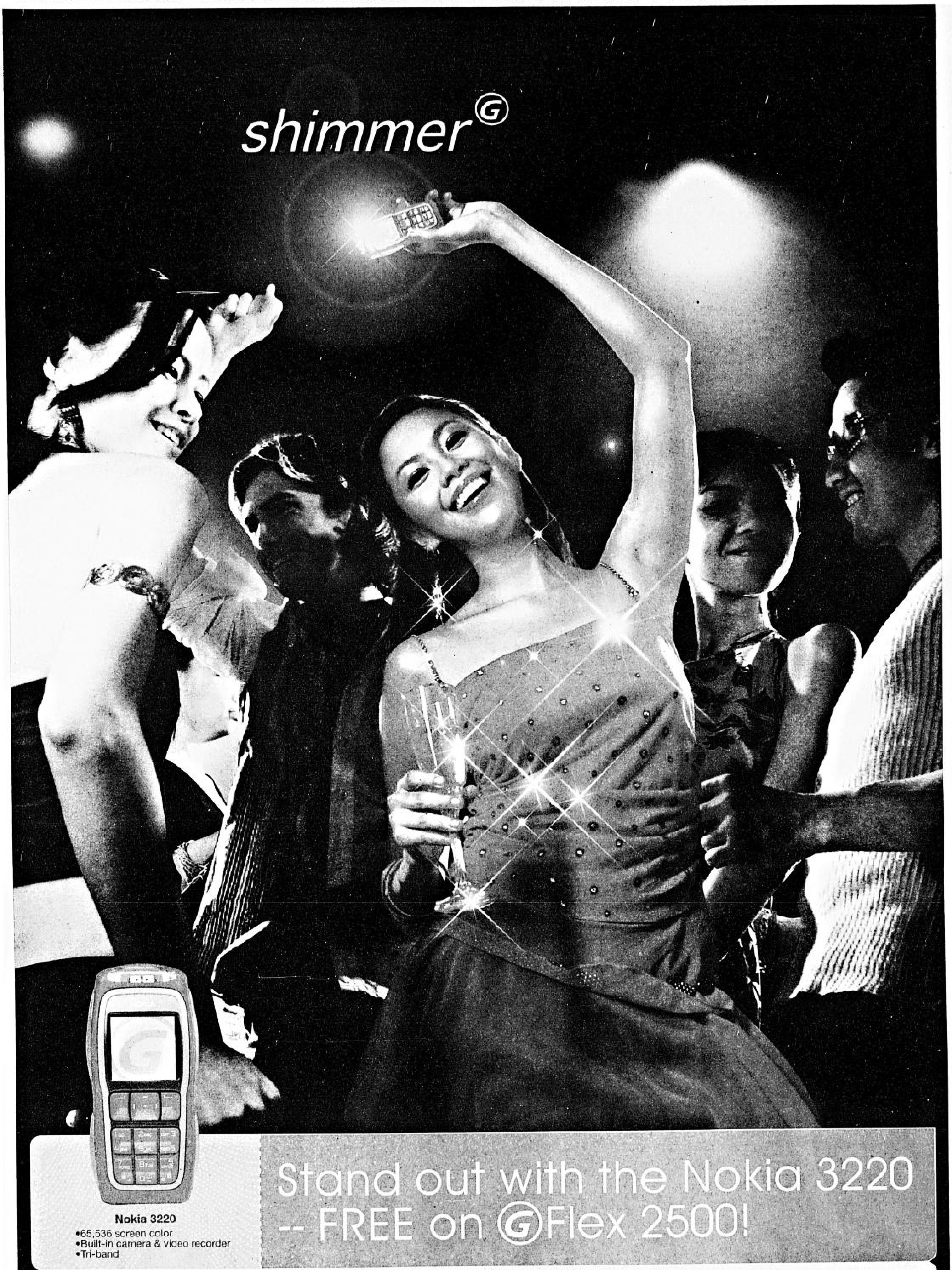
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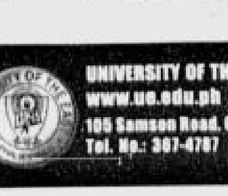

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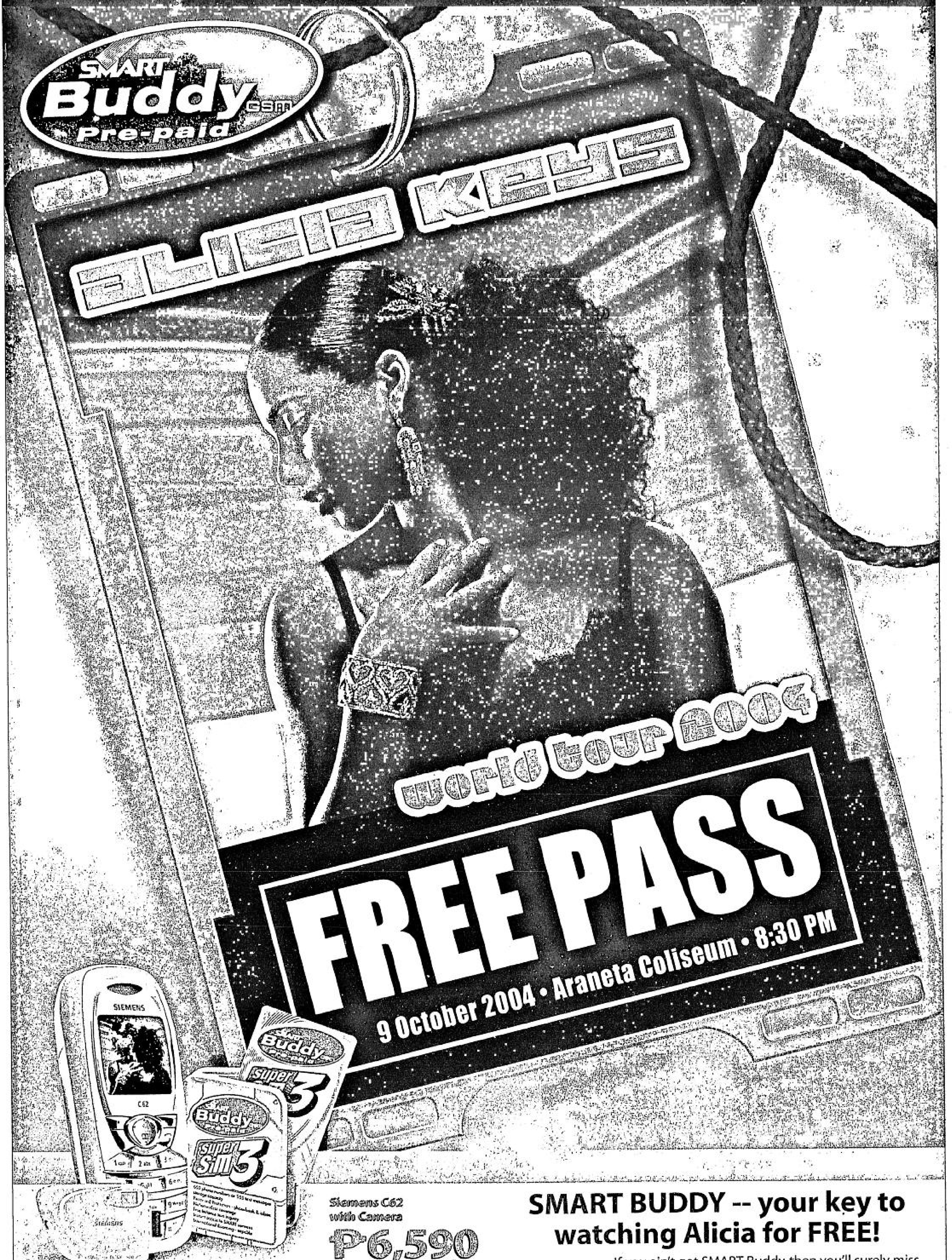

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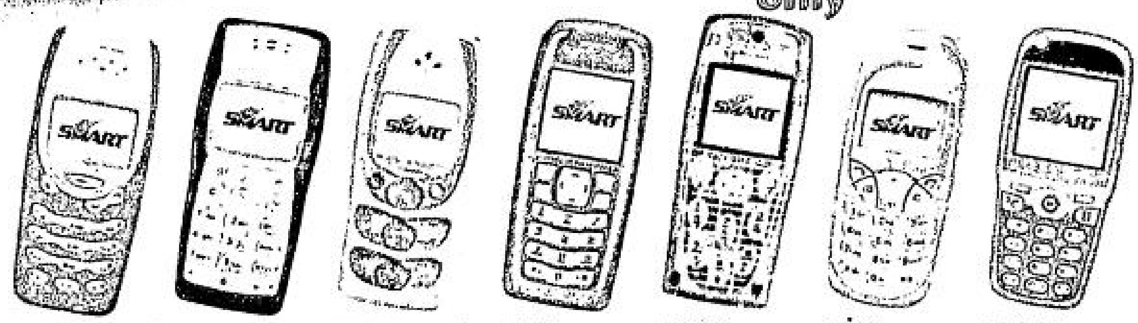

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By Celine R. Madamba

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The opening ceremony and cocktails will be hosted by ABS-CBN broadcasters Ces Drilon and Pinky Webb, with industrialist Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II as keynote speaker.

The event will also feature dialogues with agencies and advertisers on how to win international advertising awards and the value of world-class creativity to businesses and brands.

Of the 18,705 entries submitted to Cannes this year, only 96 were awarded Lions. Of the 77 entries from the Philippines, only six made it to the finals.

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"Many believe that awards do nothing for building volumes and sales, however, awards increase a brand's asset value, the long-term and less tangible value of a brand," this according to Nandy Villar, McCann Erickson's vice president for strategic planning.

More than 100 clients were represented in this year's Cannes International Advertising Festival, with the largest delegations coming from top advertisers Procter & Gamble with 64 executives and McDonald's with 40.

Whether it's for business results or for building trends, however, there was one common reason clients went to Cannes—to learn and gain exposure to new ideas, advertising innovations and cost-effective media alternatives that could help build their brands.

The shift toward "smart spending" by advertisers was evident this year, which saw an upsurge in creative lineups in print, outdoor and Internet ad entries worldwide. The need to rise above the ad clutter and to connect with consumers at all levels had compelled advertisers to rethink their media mix and explore more non-traditional media solutions.

In Cannes, clients not only gained exposure to advertising trends in their respective industries but also exposure to world-class standards against which they could benchmark their own initiatives.

Corrections

THE CAPTION on Page 21 of yesterday's issue misstated Rep. Crispin Beltran's party list group. It should be Anakpawis, not Akbayan.

ON THE front page of the Aug. 19 issue, the caption of Carl Mydans' photo misstated the location where US Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Allied forces landed in the Philippines on Jan. 9, 1945. The historic photo shows MacArthur and his forces wading ashore in Lingayen, Pangasinan—not Red Beach, Palo, Leyte.

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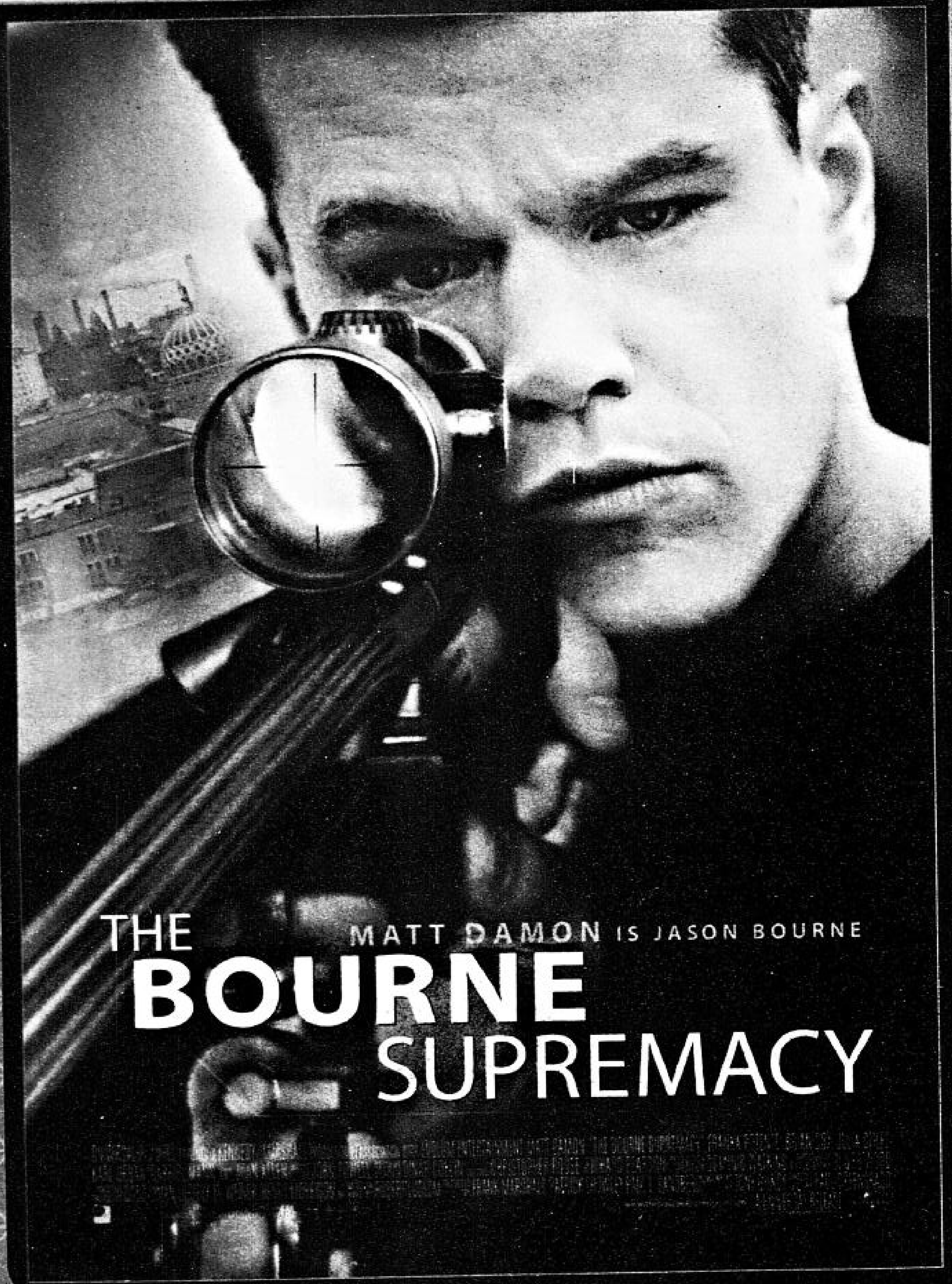
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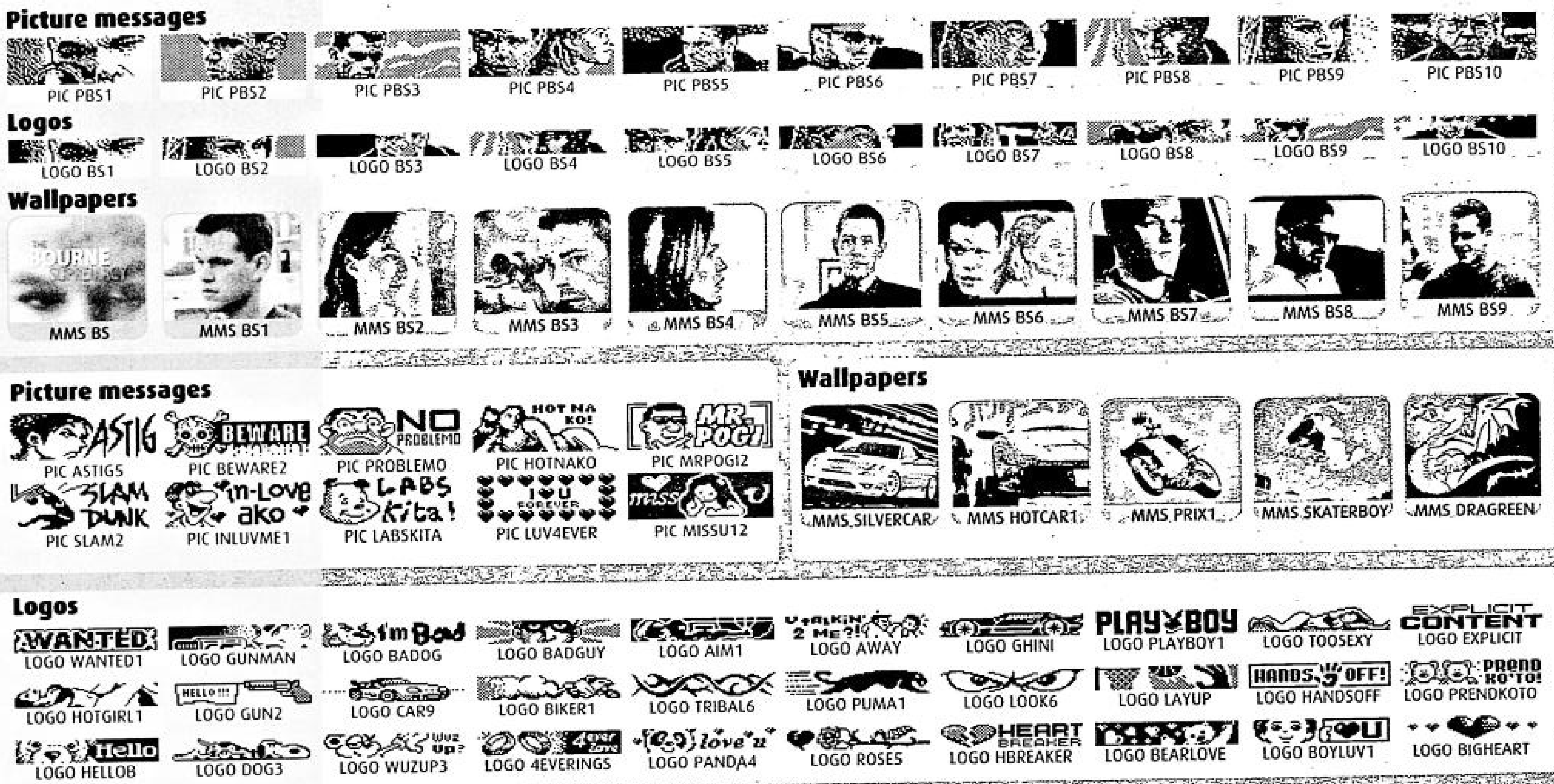
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Did My Time	*Korn*	**TONE DIDTIME**
Eat You Alive	*Limp Bizkit*	**TONE EATYOU**
Bring Me Back To Life	*Evanescence*	**TONE BRINGME**
Just Because	*Jane's Addiction*	**TONE JUSTBEC**
The Extremist	*Joe Satriani*	**TONE EXTREMIST**
Like A Stone	*Audioslave*	**TONE LYKSTONE**
The Greatest View	*Silverchair*	**TONE GREATEST1**
Everybody's Changing	*Keane*	**TONE EVERYBODYS**
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Seven Nation Army	*The White Stripes*	**POLY SEVEN**
The Greatest View	*Silverchair*	**POLY GREATV**
Feeling This	*Blink-182*	**POLY FEELINGT**
Breaking The Habit	*Linkin Park*	**POLY BREAKHABIT**
Calm Like A Bomb	*Rage Against The Machine*	**POLY CALMLIKE**
Behind Blue Eyes	*Limp Bizkit*	**POLY BEHINDB**
Duality	*Slipknot*	**POLY DUALITY**
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Lorenzo, Bfar head misused gov't funds, COA audit shows

By Christine Gaylican

AN AUDIT report by the Commission on Audit has implicated former Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Bfar) Director Malcolm Sarmiento in the alleged misuse of P8 million in government funds last year.

The COA report showed that Lorenzo allegedly spent P2.5 million for aviation fuel on different dates between December 2003 and May 2004. Subic International Air Charter Inc. was listed as the payee.

DA sources said Lorenzo used the Lear jet of Subic Air which is owned and managed by his family.

"The expenditures for plane usage of P2.53 million were grossly excessive, or lavish, considering that an executive and his entourage were ferried from one place to another using a private plane," COA auditor Pearl I. Ramos said in her report.

Ramos noted that "savings could have been generated had the DA secretary availed of commercial flights plying the same routes."

DA sources said this was not the first time Lorenzo charged his Lear jet expenses to the DA.

"It just so happens that during other times there was no paper trail but on this occasion, the COA noticed the discrepancy," a DA source said.

But in an interview, Lorenzo said his expenses had come from his own pocket.

Lorenzo was replaced as DA chief in May but was appointed chair of the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Quedan Rural Credit and Guarantee Corp.

In the case of Sarmiento, Ramos, also the resident Bfar COA auditor, asked the Bfar chief to explain the use of funds totaling P7.8 million intended to mitigate the impact of El Niño on the fisheries sector during the period of February to May 2003.

The amount of P7.8 million derived from the El Niño funds was beyond the bounds of mission or objective of the program, the COA report said.

Another major discrepancy noted by the COA were the radio airings intended for fisheries information amounting to P5.31 million paid to VG Productions.

INQUIRER's Randy Hormillosa suffered cuts and bruises when he was assaulted in a Parañaque nightclub yesterday.

VAL HANDUMON

PDI photog beaten in 'girlie' club

By Nancy C. Carvajal

INQUIRER photographer Randy Hormillosa was badly beaten at dawn yesterday at the Dynasty Real club on Roxas Boulevard, Parañaque City.

According to Hormillosa, club manager Fernio Risali and some employees attacked him inside the club after a waiter noticed he was taking pictures without a flash. He suffered cuts and bruises in the face and body.

"Risali assaulted me when he learned that I was taking photos of the naked girls on stage," Hormillosa said. He said it was the second time he witnessed such acts at the club.

Hormillosa was able to escape his attackers and run out of the club but his assailants took his camera, wallet and cell phone. Police were able to recover the camera but the film had been removed.

Hormillosa said he knew cameras were not allowed in the club, but he sneaked it in under his jacket. "I wanted to get a scoop," he said.

It was Hormillosa who took photos of government cars with red license plates parked outside the night club several weeks ago.

The INQUIRER tried to get the side of Risali but was told by a certain Rodel Cadag that the former was not around.

Unleaded gas prices lowered by 25-35¢/ltr

By Abigail L. Ho

MOTORISTS driving gasoline-run vehicles will now be able to enjoy pump price cuts of between 25 and 35 centavos a liter as oil firms bring down the prices of unleaded gasoline in response to a downtrend in world prices.

The cuts, ending a string of price increases in August and early this month, were decided on by oil refiner Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and finished product importers Caltex Philippines Inc., Seaoil Petroleum Corp., Eastern Petroleum Corp., Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. and Flying V.

Effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, dealers of Seaoil and Shell's gasoline products started selling at 25 centavos less a liter.

Unioil followed at 6 a.m. Saturday with a 30-centavo reduction per liter and Caltex at 12 p.m. with a 25-centavo rollback.

Flying V dealers started pricing their gasoline products 35 centavos a liter lower starting midnight Sunday. Eastern implemented a 25-centavo rollback at the same time.

Petron, the country's largest oil firm, will likewise roll back by 25 centavos a liter all of its gasoline products, except for its most expensive product, Blaze. The reduction takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Since international diesel prices have been going against the general downtrend in world oil prices, owners of diesel-run vehicles will not be as lucky.

Shell, Caltex and Eastern raised diesel and kerosene prices by 30 centavos a liter effective Saturday midnight, Saturday noon and Sunday midnight, respectively.

Unioil increased diesel and kerosene pump prices by 35 centavos at 6 a.m. Saturday.

Petron is holding off an increase in diesel prices for the rest of the month, saying an evaluation was needed.

Miriam would make malversation of reclaimed lands a crime

By Michael Lim Ubac

SEN. MIRIAM Defensor-Santiago wants to make the malversation of reclaimed lands worth at least P50 million a crime punishable by life imprisonment or death.

Taking her exposé on the P3.1-billion Smokey Mountain scam to the next level, Santiago filed a bill on Friday that would make the malversation of reclaimed lands a crime punishable under the Revised Penal Code.

"It is not for the President to convey valuable real property of the government on his or her sole will. Any such conveyance must be authorized and approved by a law enacted by the Congress. It requires executive and legislative concurrence," said Santiago, in an apparent reference to former President Fidel V. Ramos.

Under Senate Bill No. 1619, Santiago pointed out that Article 12, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution provide that "All lands of the public domain, waters and other natural resources are owned by the State.

With the exception of agricultural lands, all other natural resources shall not be alienated.

"Alienable lands of public domain shall be limited to agricultural lands.

Private corporations or associations may not hold such alienable lands of the public domain except by lease," she said.

Applying the Regalian doctrine, lands reclaimed from foreshore and submerged areas are considered owned by the state.

"Under the constitution, waters form part of the public domain and are consequently inalienable. To become alienable, such reclaimed lands must first be classified as public agricultural lands under the category of alienable land of the public domain," said Santiago.

In her bill, Santiago asked Congress to amend Article 217 of Act No. 3815, otherwise known as the Penal Code, to make the malversation of reclaimed lands a crime.

Santiago had charged that Ramos "benefited" from the allegedly illegal Smokey Mountain Development and Reclamation Project when his administration awarded the contract to RII Builders owned by businessman Reghis Romero in 1993.

Santiago then chided Sen. Richard Gordon, who co-chairs the joint committee (blue ribbon and government corporations) investigating the reclamation project, for saying this early that Ramos had acquitted himself during the initial hearing on Thursday.

Justifying his initial findings, Gordon said that Ramos had sufficiently explained his side, and even proved that he did not violate the Constitution when he authorized the National Housing Authority to push through with the project.

"I regret to hear Senator Gordon, himself a lawyer and a respected colleague, already clearing FVR this early," said Santiago. "A committee chair should not be rash in making judgments, especially in this particular case where billions of the people's money is the issue in question."

Santiago, apparently careful not to question the motive of a fellow administration senator, explained that Gordon's pronouncement could be attributed to his being a neophyte lawmaker.

"That's the casualty of being a neophyte. He really has to learn more. That's the reason why neophyte senators are not right away given committee chairmanships... for them to pass through the learning curve," she said.

Santiago recalled that she was not given a committee chairmanship during her first term as senator in 1995.

She noted that Ramos was evasive of senators' questions during the hearing on the Smokey Mountain Development Project.

Ramos had lashed out at the lady senator, stressing that "solving the problem of poverty is far important than legal opinions."

Cebu drug bust: P1.3B worth of shabu seized

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shabu. The chemical trail led agents to the laboratory, Avenido said.

The President urged Cebuano residents and local officials to help identify the people behind the operation. She said she intends to station a Chinese narcotics attaché in the city as three of the suspects were Chinese nationals.

Arrested in the Friday raid were Chinese nationals Bao Xia Fu, Tau Hue and Liu Fu; Taiwanese Hu Tiao Yi and Lin LI Ku; Malaysians Siew Kin Weng and Liew Kam Song, and Briton Hung Chin Chang.

The three Filipinos were Joseph Yu, Allan Yap Garcia and Joseph Lopez.

All the suspects are detained at PNP regional headquarters in Mandaue City. They will be charged with importing and manufacturing illegal drugs, a capital offense.

PDEA officials believe drug syndicates have been forced to move their operations out of Metro Manila because of the intense anti-drug operations and the successful dismantling of several shabu laboratories there.

Authorities raided in November 2003 a shabu laboratory in Antipolo, seizing 1,000 kg of the drug worth P2.1 billion in what was billed at the time as the biggest shabu factory in the country.

Since late last year, police have been receiving complaints from concerned citizens of the possible existence of a shabu laboratory in Cebu, said Aglipay.

During a recent congressional hearing, Cebu Rep. Antonio Cuenco raised the issue about possible drug factories in his province.

Tip-off

Last August, police received a tip about a large purchase of chemicals for the manufacture of shabu. It was learned that the chemicals were delivered to the warehouse in Mandaue.

The PNP and PDEA formed Oplan "Red Crystalline" and conducted a surveillance of the warehouse. Armed with a search warrant from Quezon City Judge Natividad Giron-Dizon, the team swooped down on the laboratory in Barangay Umapad at about 5 p.m. on Friday.

Yesterday, the team raided another laboratory in barangay Paknaan and a warehouse in Looc. They found no one in the buildings.

But the team found cooking ware, weighing scales and plastic boxes, leading authorities to conclude that the second laboratory and warehouse were used in the final stages of the illegal drugs operation—the packing, storage and delivery.

Umapad, Paknaan and Looc are neighboring barangays in Mandaue.

The Umapad mega-laboratory was only about 2 km from the residence of Mandaue City Mayor Thaddeus Ouano.

An embarrassed Ouano, who chairs the Regional Peace and Order Council, said he had no knowledge of the existence of the shabu factories. But even the PDEA in Cebu and other agencies did not know about them either, he said.

Avenido said the buildings were leased to Yu, one of the three Filipinos who was arrested.

'Legit hat maker'

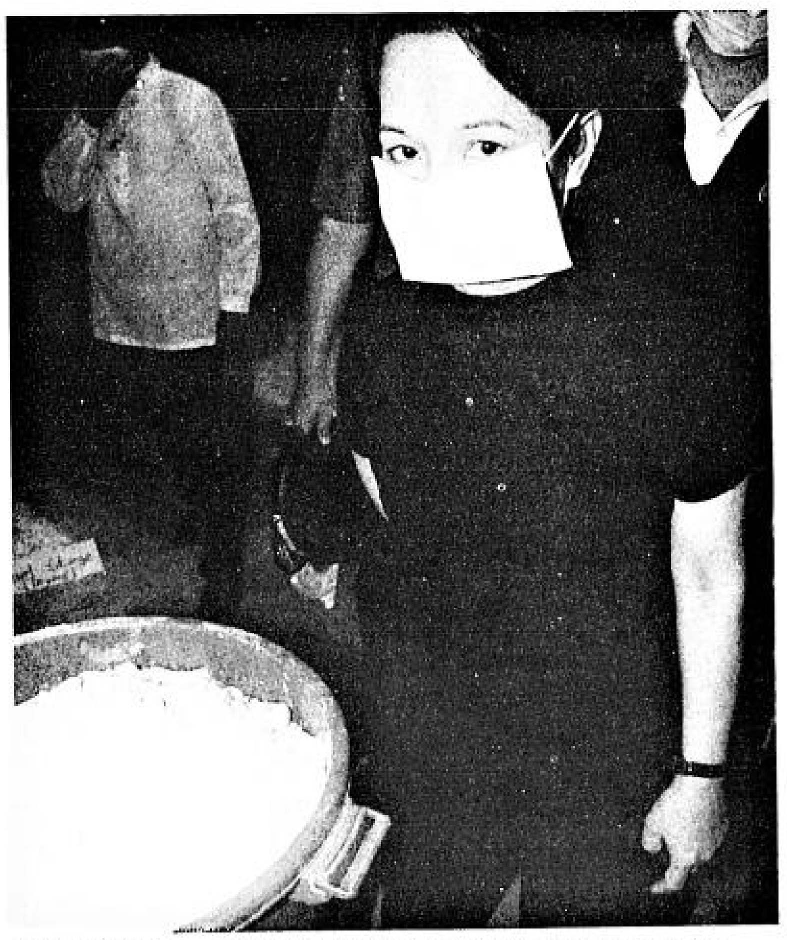
Yu, 42, who spoke in halting Filipino, claimed that he was a legitimate businessman engaged in the manufacture of hats.

He told reporters he did not know that the building in Umapad was being used as a shabu laboratory. At the time of the interview, he was not yet aware that his two other rented buildings in Looc and Paknaan had also been raided.

Yu claimed that he traveled to Mindanao and Manila on business and was only in Cebu for two months of the year.

Aside from the PDEA, the units involved in the operation came from the Anti-Illegal Drug Special Operations Task Force (AID-SOTF) and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) in Manila and Cebu. The team will receive a reward of P1.5 million.

A Filipino-American who works with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, assistant country attache Rodel Babasa, also participated in the raids. Babasa, who refused to be interviewed, helped identify the seized equipment and chemicals. *With a report from Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo wears a mask as she inspects the shabu laboratory.

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Gov't eyes lower remittance cost for OFWs

THE DEPARTMENT of Labor and Employment (DOLE) wants to lower the cost of remitting money to the country for overseas Filipino workers.

"We are looking at bringing down the cost of transferring money. I understand that in some places, our workers pay to remit money to the Philippines... [and] their relatives also pay a fee for receiving it here. What happens is the money is charged twice for service," Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said.

For the first six months of this year, OFWs remitted about $4.7 billion to the country. Last year, they remitted $7.8 billion.

At a press conference during the recently concluded ministerial conference of Asian labor-sending countries, Sto. Tomas said talks would be held with the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank on the feasibility of lowering the cost of remitting money back to foreign workers' country of origin.

Labor ministers and senior officials from Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and the Philippines met on Sept. 22-24 in a bid to come up with policies aimed at ensuring the protection of migrant workers. *Martin P. Marfil*

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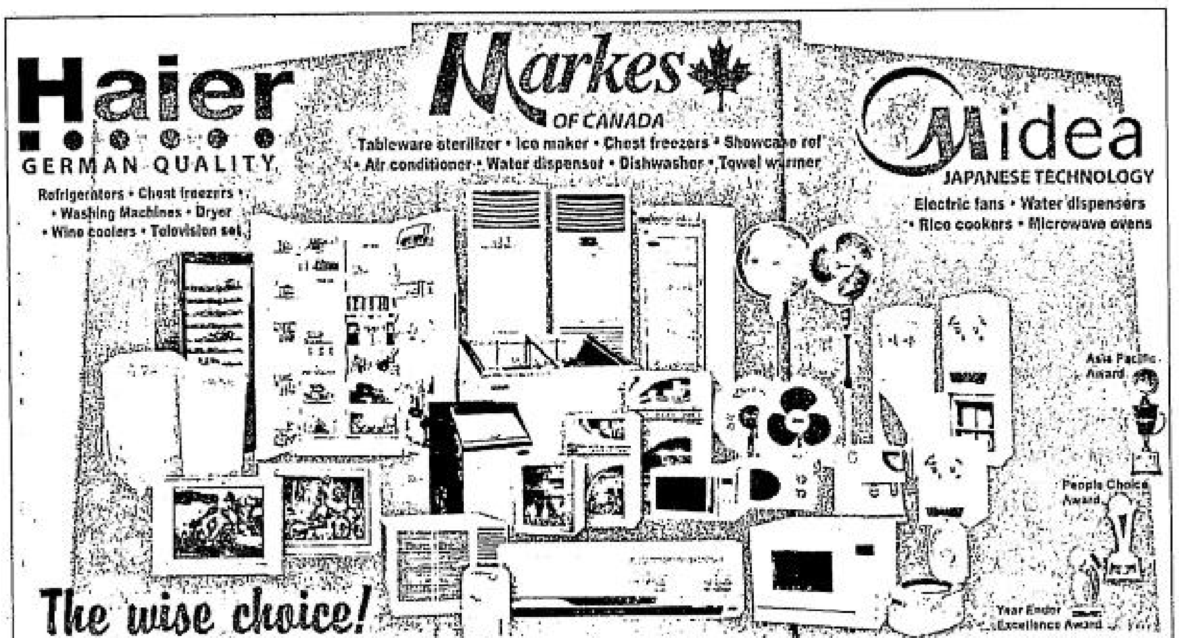
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Human-to-human transfer of bird flu feared

BANGKOK—The World Health Organization said Saturday it was "suspecting human-to-human transmission" of bird flu had occurred in northern Thailand, marking what could be the first such transmission of the lethal virus.

"From the existing data... we are suspecting human-to-human transmission" of bird flu, the WHO's acting Thailand representative Kumara Rai said after studying information from Kamphaeng Phet province where the deaths of a girl and boy are suspected to be caused by bird flu.

The 11-year-old girl's mother, who lived near Bangkok but traveled north to visit her daughter in hospital and then attend her funeral, returned to the Thai capital where she too fell ill and died. Her death is also on the suspect list.

Bird flu is suspect but has not been confirmed in the cases, and laboratory tests on the three fatalities, as well as of the girl's aunt who has been hospitalized with severe pneumonia, were being conducted to determine whether they carried the virus.

Rai said the WHO was "very much concerned, but we are awaiting the laboratory confirmation," which is expected as early as Monday.

He said he had contacted the UN health agency's headquarters in Geneva to urge them to send experts to Thailand to assist in the field investigation.

Avian influenza's lethal H5N1 strain has killed 28 people in Vietnam and Thailand this year in two waves of Asian outbreaks which also caused the death or culling of more than 100 million chickens.

The WHO fears H5N1 could mutate into a highly contagious form that triggers a global human flu pandemic.

When asked if a confirmed viral leap between humans in the Thai cases would mark the first step in such a feared mutation, Rai said "I think so."

Health ministry officials have confirmed the girl and the 13-year-old boy in Kamphaeng Phet had come into contact with their households' chickens that fell ill and died, but Rai and others have said it was not clear whether the mother and the aunt had contact with the animals.

Rai met Friday with field epidemiologists, Thai-based officials from the US Centers for Disease Control; and senior Thai health ministry officials to establish whether the women had come into contact with the fowl.

"We are still almost firm that there was no contacts with sick birds," Rai said.

Thailand has been put on full bird flu alert as a precautionary measure, said Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan, who along with other officials has acknowledged concern has mounted the mother and aunt may have contracted bird flu directly from the girl.

Sudarat sought to downplay the fears, stressing preliminary tests on the aunt showed no bird flu. *AFP*

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British hostage killed, Islamic website claims

BAGHDAD—A posting on an Islamic Internet site Saturday claimed that an al-Qaida-linked group had killed British hostage Kenneth Bigley.

The claim could not immediately be verified, but surfaced on a website usually used by followers of Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi to post their statements.

The site also claimed that seven British troops had been captured, but Capt. Donald Francis, a spokesperson for the British military said that all forces "are accounted for." He had no information on the claim about Bigley.

The militant group Tawhid and Jihad, led by al-Zarqawi, had threatened to kill Bigley unless Iraqi women are freed from prison.

The statement, which appeared on the site typed in red, consisted of a single line.

"Tawhid and Jihad announces that it has executed the British citizen and gives you the good news of kidnapping seven British soldiers," the statement said. "We will be releasing the tape shortly."

The statement follows the beheadings of two American civil engineers who were taken hostage last week with Bigley. The 62-year-old Briton was shown in a videotape Wednesday begging authorities to meet his kidnappers' demands and save his life.

The Foreign Office in London said it was aware of such a claim, but described it as a "discredited" site.

"We don't think it's anything to be taken too seriously," the Foreign Office statement said.

The posting came a day after Bigley's 86-year-old mother Lil begged the kidnappers to let her son go free.

"Please show mercy to my Ken and send him home to me alive," she said in a video statement, sitting behind a table between two of her other sons and grasping one's hand. "His family need him. I need him."

Hours after making the statement, Lil Bigley was taken to a local hospital, where officials said her condition was stable. It was not clear what she was being treated for.

Bigley's wife, Sombat, also pleaded with the militants to release him.

"We have been married for seven years and I love him very much," she said from her home in Thailand. "I desperately want to be reunited with my husband. I plea for your mercy now, and beg that you release Ken so that I may be with him again." *AP*

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India, Pakistan leaders hail new ties

NEW YORK—The leaders of India and Pakistan hailed a new chapter in bilateral ties following peace talks Friday in New York that included discussions on their bitter dispute over Kashmir. "I sincerely believe today is a historic day. We have made a new beginning," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh as he addressed reporters with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf after their hour long, one-on-one summit. "I feel confident that despite the difficulties on the way, I and President Musharraf will together work and succeed in writing a new chapter in the history of our two countries," he added. It was the first meeting between the two South Asian leaders since Singh became prime minister following his Congress party's surprise election victory in May. A carefully worded joint statement read by Musharraf said the two sides had agreed to explore possible options for a peaceful negotiated settlement of the Kashmir dispute "in a sincere spirit and purposeful manner." *AFP*

New hurricane heads toward Florida

MIAMI—Hundreds of thousands of people on Florida's east coast were told to leave their homes once again on Friday as deadly Hurricane "Jeanne" approached for what could be a record fourth hurricane hit in a year on the storm-weary state. Jeanne, which killed more than 1,000 people when it dumped torrential rains on Haiti last weekend, was churning west through the Atlantic Ocean with top winds of 160 kph and forecasters said it could strengthen in the coming day. The storm was forecast to move over the northern Bahamas on Saturday and hit the Florida coast on Sunday, threatening an area thrashed by Hurricane "Frances" just three weeks ago. By Friday afternoon, almost all the east coast of Florida was under a hurricane warning, meaning residents should prepare for hurricane conditions in 24 hours. *Reuters*

Bush lead over Kerry narrows in Time poll

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush led Democratic nominee John Kerry by 6 percentage points in a Time magazine poll released Friday, compared with an 11-point lead in a similar poll two weeks ago. Forty-eight percent of likely voters surveyed said they would vote for Bush, and 42 percent said they would vote for Kerry, according to the magazine's latest poll. Five percent said they would vote for Ralph Nader. Among registered voters, 48 percent said the United States was right to go to war against Iraq, down five points from two weeks ago. *Reuters*

Dogs can help fight cancer

LONDON—Man's best friend could also be a lifesaver in the fight against cancer. Scientists said Friday dogs can be used to detect bladder cancer by smelling urine. There is already anecdotal evidence of dogs alerting their unsuspecting owners of skin cancer by persistently sniffing suspicious moles which were later diagnosed as malignant. Now, in research published in the British Medical Journal, scientists have shown dogs can identify bladder cancer by detecting chemicals in urine emitted by cancerous cells. "Dogs can be trained to detect some odor characteristics for bladder cancer," Dr. Carolyn Willis, of Amersham Hospital in Buckingham in central England, said in an interview. Cancer cells are thought to give off organic compounds with distinctive odors that dogs can detect even in very small quantities. *AFP*

4 US Marines killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD—Four US Marines were killed in three separate incidents west of Baghdad, the US military said Saturday. The four were assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and were killed Friday while conducting security operations in Anbar province, the military said. No further details were provided. The names of the dead were withheld pending notification of their families. As of Friday, Sept. 24, 1,042 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the defense department. Of those, 792 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include three military civilians. *AP*

'Miracle' baby born to cancer patient

PARIS—In a world-first achievement that may drive back the limits of human fertility, a woman has given birth after her ovarian tissue was removed, frozen, thawed and then reimplanted, doctors announced Friday.

More than seven years after slices of ovary were placed in storage to give her the chance of motherhood after cancer therapy, 32-year-old Belgian woman Ouarda Touirat gave birth to a healthy 3.72-kilo (8.2-pound) girl, they said.

The child, born late Thursday at the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc in Brussels, has been named Tamara, the clinic said.

"For us parents, this is hope, this is a real miracle," Touirat said.

It is the first time that a child has been born to a woman whose ovarian tissue has been frozen and later reimplanted.

All previous attempts to recover fertility from stored tissue have failed to produce eggs or led only to early-stage embryos of just a few cells that never developed in a pregnancy.

The team, led by Jacques Donnez, a professor at the city's Catholic University of Louvain, suggest the technique could avert the nightmare of early menopause for women like Touirat, who had been diagnosed with advanced cancer at the age of only 25. *AFP*

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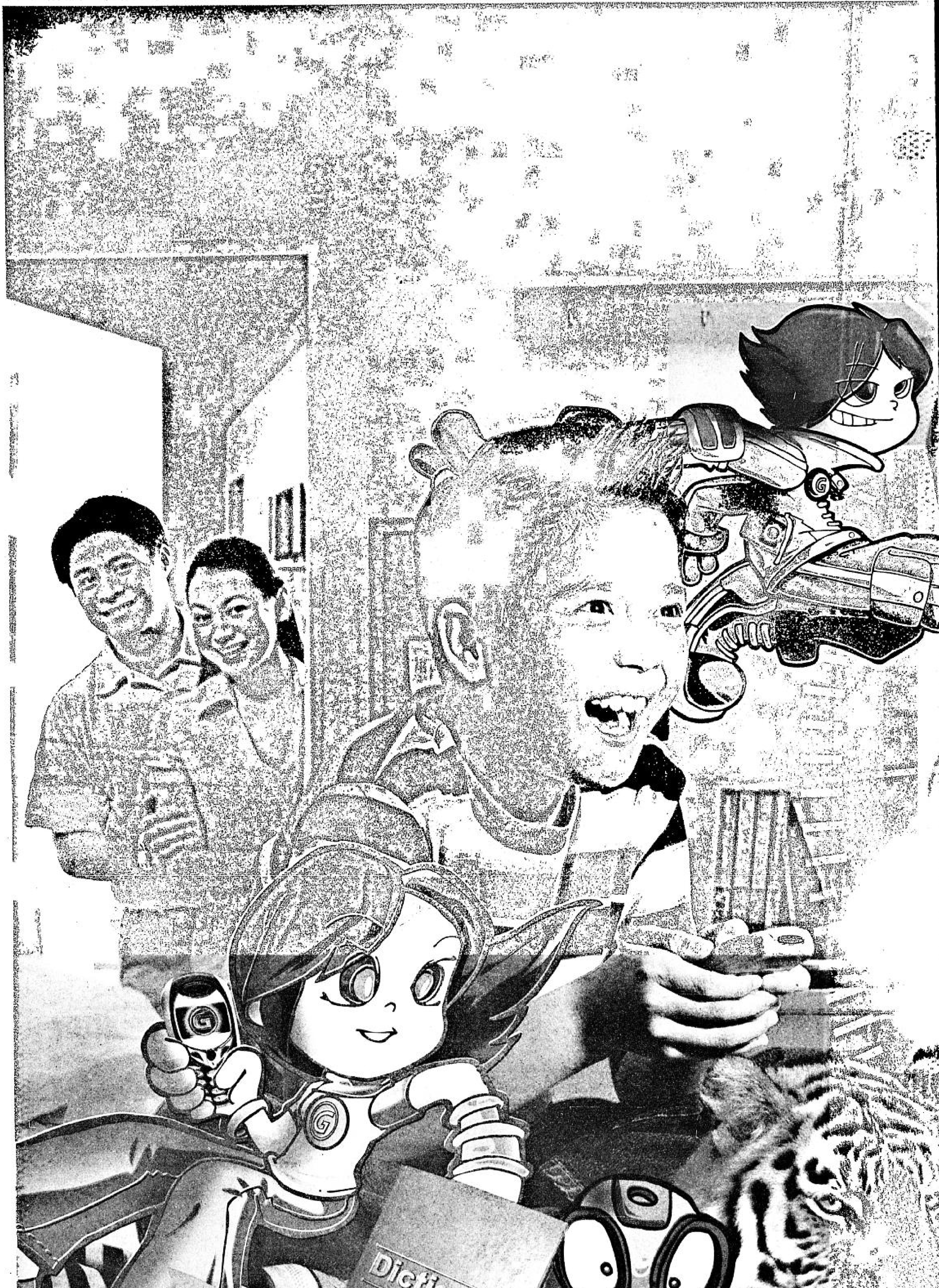
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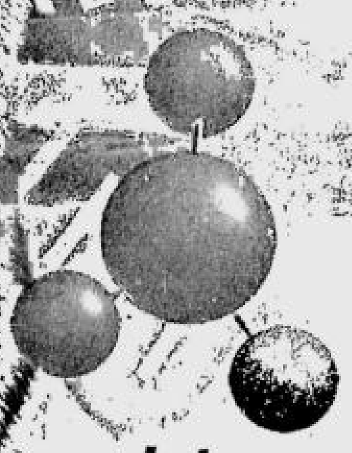

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Bush at the UN

EDITORIAL

LAST week, at the annual opening of the UN General Assembly, George W. Bush presented a campaigner's vision of a free and democratic Iraq. "Iraq as a democracy will have great power to inspire the Middle East," the US president said in a 30-minute speech, suggesting that Iraq is well on its way to becoming a shining example of democracy in action.

The sad truth is, Iraq today is capable only of inspiring fear: fear that American stubbornness and stupidity will make the volatile Middle East even more unstable, and terror-stricken nations even more unsafe.

In his speech, Bush spoke as if the situation in Iraq was well in hand. "Across Iraq, life is being improved by liberty. Across the Middle East, people are safer because an unstable aggressor has been removed from power. Across the world, nations are more secure because an ally of terror has fallen."

The sad truth is, Iraq is descending into chaos—and nations as a consequence are less secure.

Since the invasion of Iraq, over a thousand American soldiers and possibly 10,000 Iraqis have lost their lives in increasingly out-of-control acts of violence. After another visit to Iraq, Jessica Matthews, the president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, reported: "Average daily attacks have climbed from 22 to 87, and crucial parts of the country are no longer under US (or Iraqi government) control. What was an emerging opposition is now a full-fledged insurgency. The United States is still without a political strategy that recognizes this reality."

Part of the reality that Bush fails to recognize is that the enemies of the US-led coalition occupying Iraq are not necessarily terrorists or even former supporters of the odious regime of Saddam Hussein. "We are conducting precision raids against terrorists and holdouts of the former regime," Bush said. "These killers are at war with the Iraqi people. They have made Iraq the central front in the war on terror and they will be defeated."

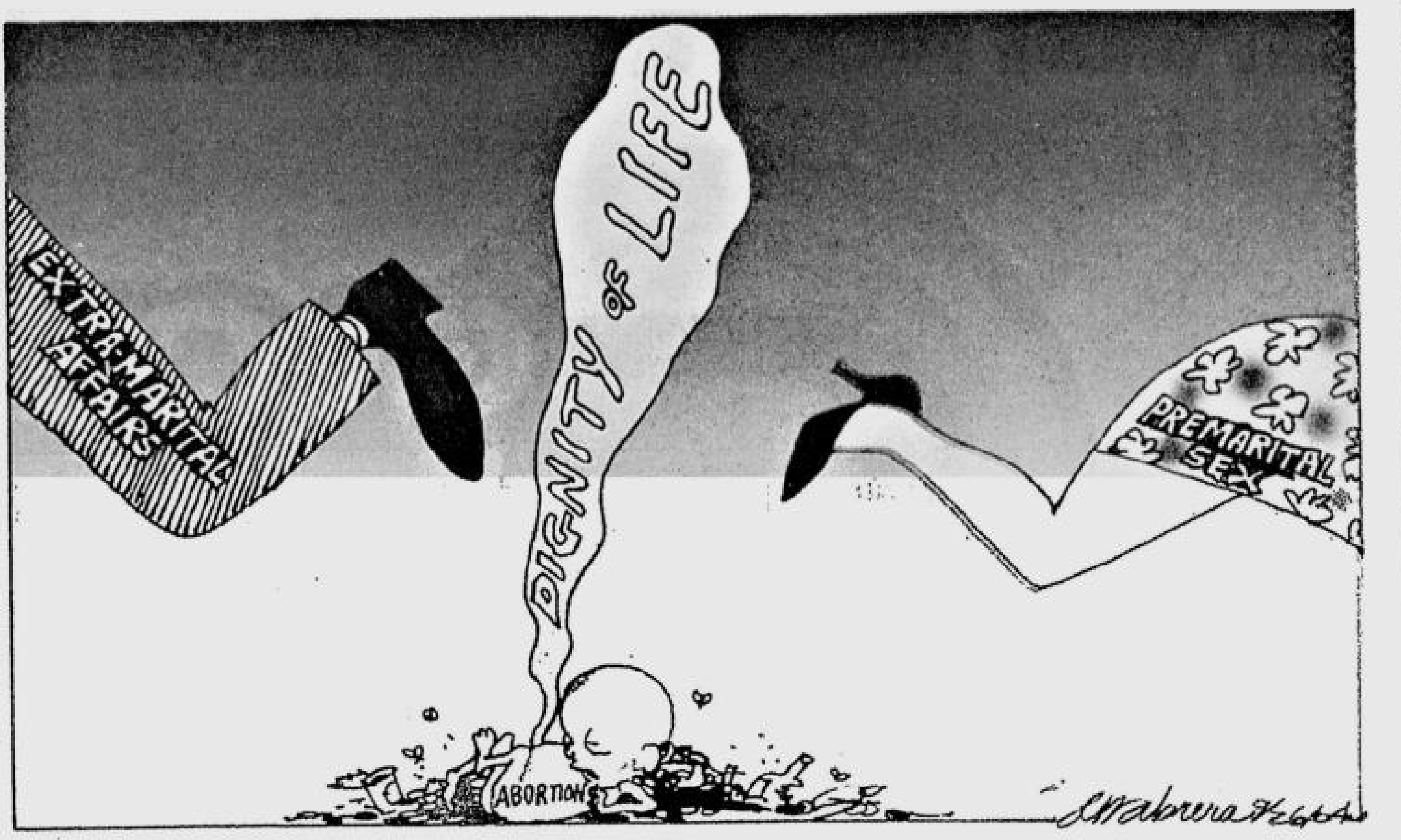
The sad truth is, it was the Bush administration that decided to make Iraq the "central front" in the war on terror. Saddam was a corrupt and abusive dictator, but his regime had no ties to Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaida terrorist network. Unlike Afghanistan, Iraq did not lend its resources to the September 11 terrorists. Unlike Afghanistan, Iraq did not harbor Bin Laden. Iraq was on the periphery in the war on terror—until the White House decided to invade and occupy it. It is the "central front" for Bush only because more American soldiers die there than in any other area of assignment, killed by Iraqi insurgents waging guerrilla warfare.

In his speech, Bush also finessed the reason for invading Iraq in the first place. There are only two or three brief mentions of weapons of mass destruction. But the destruction of the hated Saddam regime is played up for paragraphs on end. "The true monuments of his rule and his character, the torture chambers and the rape rooms and the prison cells for innocent children, are closed. And as we discover the killing fields and mass graves of Iraq, the true scale of Saddam's cruelty is being revealed."

The sad truth is, there was never any question about the horrific nature of Saddam's misrule. The issue was whether an invasion against a country with weapons of mass destruction could be launched without the sanction of the United Nations. The result of American unilateralism, of going it alone with a few token allies, is Bush's pathetic half-truth: The United States did find more evidence of Saddam's cruelty, but not a single evidence of any WMD.

Now half-truths are useful lies; they are a diplomat's stock in trade. That is partly why Bush's speech at the United Nations met a cold reception. He was lying through his teeth, before an audience familiar with both his lies and the conventions of lying. They saw through him.

Professionally polite, they did not laugh when they saw that the emperor had no clothes on, not even a fig leaf of legitimacy or credibility to cover his vital parts. They merely waited till the end of his speech, before giving Bush the traditional round of applause.



Increased judicial costs

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

I RECEIVED a letter from a former student of mine from San Beda College who is now practicing law. He requests my support for his "respectable" objections to the recent amendment by the Supreme Court of Rule 141 of the Revised Rules of Court as "contrary to the basic principle of immediate and inexpensive accessibility of our courts to the people."

In his letter to the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, which he hopes will seek a reconsideration of the Rule, lawyer Rex G. Rico focuses on Sec. 8 (p) and Sec. 21 (b) of the Rule which charge:

(p) For any other services as clerk not provided in this section, one hundred P100.00 shall be collected.

(b) For motions for postponement (whether verbal or written), after completion of the pre-trial stage, two hundred. For any other motion, two hundred (P200.00) Pesos.

Rico says that the clerk of court is paid a regular salary plus allowances for performing services inherent in his position which should therefore not be subject to special assessment to be paid by the lawyer or his client. If, for example, there is a need to examine judicial records as guaranteed by the right to information under the Constitution, will the clerk refuse such examination unless the fee of P100 is first paid?

Rico notes that the Rule does not distinguish between justified and unjustified motions, which are both subject to the prescribed fee. "There are motions that are justified, e.g., sickness or death of a lawyer or witness, flood or inclement weather, unresolved incidents before trial can proceed, like a motion to dismiss or demurrer to evidence."

To assess all kinds of motions without distinction is, he says, "counter-productive to the goal of speedy, just and inexpensive determination of cases. It may even be ridiculous." Most motions are, in fact necessary save only those that are dilatory or capricious.

"During the trial, may the judge refuse to rule on oral motions to strike out answers to questions for being irresponsive, hearsay, irrelevant, etc., or exclude other witnesses inside the courtroom not set to testify in that scheduled hearing, or motions to mark as exhibits certain documents/physical evidence, or oral motions for direct contempt made during trial for rude or disrespectful conduct in the presence of the court, until the assessments for such motions are paid?

"I am of the impression that the primordial reason for assessing motions for postponement, extensions and other dilatory motions is to discourage them and, hence, expedite early resolution and termination of cases. If so, why should a motion to resolve, for default, summary judgment, judgment on the pleadings, modes of discovery, etc. be assessed when they are the very instruments or vehicles for expeditious resolution of cases?"

Among the rules he invokes to support his request for a re-examination of the above-quoted sections and other questionable provisions of Rule 141 of the Revised Rules of Court is its Sec. 6, which provides that "these Rules shall be liberally construed in order to promote their objective of securing a just, speedy, and inexpensive disposition of every action and proceeding." (Stress supplied)

He also cites the provisions in the Bill of Rights, in addition to the Due Process Clause in Sec. 1, that "free access to the courts and quasi judicial bodies, and adequate legal assistance shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty" in Sec. 11. He might have mentioned as well Art. VIII, Sec. 5 (5) that the Rules of Court to be promulgated by the Supreme Court "shall provide a simplified and inexpensive procedure for the speedy disposition of cases." (Emphasis mine)

Rico hopes that I may have other changes to suggest but the truth is that I have not yet read Rule 141 as amended and can only comment on his own criticisms of the above-quoted sections, which I believe require careful consideration by the Supreme Court. For the nonce, I will only say that in characterizing motions as "verbal or written," the Rule seems to think that a written motion is not verbal. I think the phrase should be rewritten as "oral or written," both of them being verbal, of course. Judges should be careful even if Webster is not.

The IBP has already made representations with the Supreme Court for the re-examination of the revised fees that have provoked a lot of respectful (if quiet) opposition from the Philippine bar. Like other sectors of our society, we are already reeling from the increasingly unbearable burden of the cost of living. The thought that the increased fees are supposed to provide for the convenience or benefit of the judiciary, including the Supreme Court, gives scant comfort, indeed, to us poor practitioners.

The latest report is that the Supreme Court has suspended the application of some of the protested fees. I hope that in moving for reconsideration of Rule 141, the IBP has not been charged the prescribed fee of P200.

Seeing with the heart

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

ASKED by his teacher what his father does, a little boy answered that his father is a magician who specializes in cutting people into half. Proof of this, he said, is that he has two half-sisters and two half-brothers.

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The story about the rich man and Lazarus in today's Gospel (Lk. 16, 19-31) reminds us that in this world, some people are rich and some people are poor. Some people are good, and some people are bad. That's the first half of the story.

The second half is that there is eternal life where the bad will be punished, and the good will have their reward. We have to see the complete picture. Are you focused on the comforts and pleasures of this life that you are forgetting eternal life?

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When we were little children, Mama never failed to remind us the value of being good and of sacrificing now rather than suffering in the next life. She was in fact teaching us the beatitudes by telling us to be humble, to be diligent, to be obedient and to be self-sacrificing, because she did not want any of us, her children, to experience hell and punishment. Her greatest sadness, she said, would be if our family would not be complete in heaven someday.

Who still talks of eternity these days? Who still emphasizes the beatitudes? So focused on the perks and pleasures of the here and now, we have lost sight of the promise and reality of eternity. So glued on the screens of our cell phones, computers and television sets, we have forgotten to look up to the great blue skies and the star-filled heavens.

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Somebody once said that a person has matured when he/she is able to transcend the "now" for the "later." Self-transcendence is hardly audible in our world which speaks so loud of self-fulfillment. What the world forgets is the gospel message that it is precisely self-transcendence that leads to true self-fulfillment. It is in losing ourselves that we really find ourselves. Again, these are two halves that are needed to complete the picture, but which one are you? Are you more of the self-transcending or more of the self-fulfilling person?

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"A few moments on the lips, forever on the hips." We all would do well to heed this advise if we want to lose weight. If we look back at our lives, we made regrettable mistakes because we did not let go and did not let God. If only we knew how to obey, how to sacrifice, we would not have made those blunders in life. Let us learn from our "mistakes" (wrong takes) and "misgives" (wrong gives) of the past.

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Death is the great equalizer. We all will die. There is an end to worldly sorrow—and to worldly comfort as well. But the story does not end there. There will be reward or punishment in the life hereafter. This should be a warning to those who live in comfort now, and a comfort to those who live in sorrow now. Let us not take this warning comfortably.

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Bishop Jesus Galang of the Diocese of Urdaneta was laid to rest last Sept. 22. He was 72. He was a simple man and had the good of the diocese in his heart and in his mind. According to the present diocesan administrator, my cousin Msgr. Marlo Peralta, the good bishop was kind and understanding, but strict in discipline. He was also "*sine timore*" (without fear) in dealing with the rich and the powerful. Here was a man who saw the "big picture" because he saw not only with his eyes but with his heart as well.

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Every once in a while I meet families that really inspire and edify, precisely because in spite of their achievements and status, they remain focused on the values that lead to eternal life. Col. Filoteo and Norma Arevalo raised up 11 children, and how! Out of the six sons, five graduated with honors from the Philippine Military Academy. All other children are professionals, very good professionals. What makes their story worth telling is the presence of the 5H in the family: honesty, humility, hard work, holiness and humor. I thank Wendell Bandonil and Ed Avila from Baguio City for introducing me to them, thus reenforcing my belief that "with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it's still a beautiful world." Let us continue to look with eyes that see more than what meets the eye.

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Join us in the launching of our sixth book "Inquirer Moments, Cycle A" a collection of my Sunday columns in the Philippine Daily Inquirer. We will have a 4 p.m. Mass at the Christ the King Seminary, 1101 E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., Quezon City on Oct. 1, my birthday. Please consider this book for your Christmas giveaway, and help our Filipino missionaries abroad.

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Inviting you to join me in the Walk with God to Manaoag on Oct. 2, first Saturday. We will begin at 6 a.m. from Urdaneta church. Do the walk offering our prayers, thanksgiving and petitions. A Mass will follow at 11 a.m. in Manaoag. See you. God bless you. Mama Mary loves you!

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to see not only with my eyes but also with my heart. Amen

An Old Soldier fades away

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST month, as the nation marked the Aug. 21 assassination of Ninoy Aquino more than 20 years ago, a pillar of professionalism in the military service quietly slipped away, just four months short of his 100th birthday. Brigadier General Leoncio S. Tan, the oldest surviving general in the Armed Forces and the oldest surviving Philippine Army commander, was "Tatang" to all his friends and colleagues in and out of the military organization—a reflection of the fatherly image which was his trademark personality through decades of service to the nation.

The youngest of six children of a Chinese father, Joaquin Tan-Gianco and Teresa Sison, Leoncio Tan was born in the small town of San Luis, Pampanga on Dec. 26, 1904. When he was a year old, his father left for China never to return. It fell on his mother to provide for the family, and they survived by selling stoves made of clay. She also was into *jueteng* and Tan's first job at the age of 9 was that of a *cobrador* (collector) in the numbers racket, making 50 centavos from collecting bets. (This gives us an idea how long *jueteng* has been in our society—a problem which we have been trying to eliminate since as far back as I can remember. It is time to consider other options. One would be legalization of this activity so we don't waste meager resources on sporadic and ineffectual anti-*jueteng* drives which only result in greater incomes for corrupt law enforcers and gambling lords, who end up engaging in other forms of organized crime and financing the political campaigns of local and even national officials.)

As an elementary student in Manila, the sight of constabulary officers in impeccable uniforms—"Sam Brown" belts and shiny boots with Stetson hats—was awe-inspiring particularly to a young, highly impressionable boy. Tan decided this was going to be his life and took the exams for what was then the Philippine Constabulary Academy. At that time, the academy offered a two-year course leading to a commission in the police organization. Tan ranked No. 2 among the examinees and soon was on his way to Baguio City.

In a compilation of essays, speeches and letters entitled "Musings of an Old Soldier" published eight months before his death, Tan recalls the trip to Baguio. It started with a train ride from Tutuban station in Manila to Damortis in La Union, where they were transferred to a bus for the drive up Kennon Road. He noted that "the scenery was lovely. Baguio City was beautiful and clean though it appeared lonely and desolate. It depicted exactly the life of the cadets—lonesome, desolate and tough. The city and Camp Allen, particularly, seemed to warn those who lacked determination to brace themselves and take courage so that they may attain their cherished ambitions."

"Tatang" was one of 23 cadets who graduated with the Class of 1928. Among his classmates were Edwin Andrews, the first Filipino to be officially designated chief of the Air Force. (He would perish in the crash of his C-47, the Lili Marlene, on Mt. Makaturing, Lanao in May 1947. The airbase in Zamboanga City is named after him.) Another was Pullong Arpa, the first military officer to be appointed ambassador in the Philippine foreign service. Arpa was posted to Egypt. The topnotcher of the group was Julian Aspilla of Dumaguete City with Tan finishing No. 2 in the final class standing. He would be the only member of the class to attain the rank of brigadier general.

In December 1955, "Tatang" was promoted to brigadier general and took command of the First Military Area covering Central Luzon, with headquarters at Camp Olivas in Pampanga. It was the height of the struggle against the Hukbalahap insurgents. The story is told that being a Kapampangan, Tan was familiar with many of the Huk commanders in the area. One of them, a Commander Sol, was in fact a relative. True to his fatherly image, he tried to use persuasion rather then force to get Sol back into the fold of the government. He sent a message asking him to surrender and guaranteeing him freedom from prosecution. After a few days a messenger from the Huk chieftain arrived at Tan's office in Camp Olivas with a message for "Tatang"—Surrender to the movement and I will guarantee your safety! Months later, Commander Sol was killed in an encounter with government troops.

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Tan's career reached its peak in July 1957 when he was designated commanding general of the Philippine Army. After a year, he retired from the service and was appointed to a number of civilian positions, among them, director of the National Bureau of Investigation and general manager of the National Rice and Corn Administration.

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Although the father image was part of his persona, he was not a demonstrative individual even with family members. However, his youngest daughter, Concepcion, who is married to Navy captain Ramon Punzalan (Class of 1976), recalls that when her father was in the hospital, a few days before his death, he took her hand and brushed it against his cheeks—something he had never done before. It was a message of love from someone who knew the end was near.

My own recollection of the general is that of a person thoroughly rooted in the fundamentals of a professional soldier. Whenever he would speak at gatherings of the Academy alumni, he would always stress the importance of professionalism. Where there was professionalism, there was little chance for graft and corruption to thrive. Where professionalism existed, the highest standards of discipline and morality were evident in the lives of the brotherhood.

Messages for young women

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"NOT your typical girlie show" is how producers of "3R (Respect, Relax, Respond)" describe the new show, which will, they promise, tackle "women's issues, such as relationships, pregnancy, women's health, self-confidence, sexual harassment, etc.—all in a hip interesting manner."

Publicity materials of "3R" proudly proclaim it to be "a spin-off of a highly popular Malaysian show of the same format and title." What they don't mention is that the Malaysian show was itself inspired by a local TV show called "XYZ," produced by the Women's Media Circle.

Marina Mahathir had seen episodes of "XYZ" which, like "3R," was hosted by three young women and covered "controversial" issues from a decidedly feminist point of view, during a conference held in Kuala Lumpur. She then asked permission from the Women's Media Circle if she could create a show with the same thrust and intent, though of course, given Malaysia's conservative policies and attitudes on reproductive health, "3R" would treat these issues with far less openness and directness. In fact, at the launching of "3R," WMC's Ana Leah Sarabia and XYZ's director Ida Vargas were invited to Kuala Lumpur as special guests.

With the Philippine version of "3R" proudly proclaiming its ties to the Malaysian show, and fully sponsored by a maker of feminine hygiene products, I can only wonder if this third facsimile will be an even more watered-down version of the original. "XYZ," no matter all the recognition it received and the enthusiastic support of a young female audience, was eventually cancelled due to lack of advertising support, mainly because, I suspect, advertisers were uncomfortable with its messages of autonomy and empowerment.

Because young women are in constant need of positive images and messages about themselves, their relationships and their sexuality, I can only wish the new "3R" all the best. But I also hope we can all put our money and our viewership where our mouths are and find the will to support truly groundbreaking productions like "XYZ" was. I thought then and I think now that the loss of "XYZ" was a loss not just for its producers, but for the entire young female Filipino audience still in search of alternative messages.

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BUT the Women's Media Circle has far from folded its tent. Last Friday, it sponsored, together with La Proteccion dela Infanta and several others, including the Globe Girlfriends Club, "Hearts on Fire," an advocacy concert to promote the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people.

It was a night of music and laughter, with the unstoppable energy of students from the surrounding colleges and universities in the Sampaloc area, the much-vaunted "U-Belt" of Manila, filling the warm night air.

The concert opened with the Makiling Ensemble and their infectious rhythms, using different ethnic instruments. They were followed by Bagong Dugo, which I was hearing for the first time, and indeed this band of five music and theater artists proved their mettle, combining popular tunes, hip references to popular culture, political satire and social commentary. Cookie Chua and Color It Red lent the night some star power, as did Maxine Magalona who came to pinch-hit for her father Francis M. The night was capped by the UP-based band Seven Purple Moons and a dance number by members of Samahang Hulyo Beinte-tres, a youth-performing arts group based at PUP.

In between the musical numbers, episodes of "Bodytalk" were shown. "Bodytalk" is an educational show on reproductive health for youth hosted by Aiza Seguera and produced by WMC. It airs every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. over the Knowledge Channel. Together with the night's emcee, DJ Joe Spinner, I also held brief impromptu "Question and Answer" sessions on reproductive health issues, from masturbation to sex education, from circumcision to the G-spot—truly comprehensive and challenging!

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AS we reached home from watching "Feng Shui" last Sunday evening, my daughter wondered jokingly if we would not find "a mysterious figure" greeting us in front of our darkened doorway. All of a sudden, a woman's shadowy figure stepped out of darkness and we all started screaming. It turned out to be our house help who had returned from her day-off and found herself locked out of the house. I don't know who was more terrorized, us or our unfortunate maid!

But that is how powerful "Feng Shui" the movie is, its spell of terror and suspense lingering long after one has left the movie house. Truly, as its star Kris Aquino warns during her shows, you'll find yourself having a hard time sleeping in the dark after watching the movie!

The irony is that much of "Feng Shui" is shot in brilliant sunlight or in the warm glow of interior lights. None of the typical gothic touches here, for even the ghostly figures emerge not from dark and dim corners, but in a setting as mundane as a new and modern house. Perhaps that's the movie's theme, that evil and the supernatural are found not in our nightmares but in our waking hours, not in ghosts but in our own hearts, in our greed and lust for the material.

Terror of another kind lies at the center of "Open Water," drawing in viewers into the truly frightening dilemma of a pair of divers abandoned in the open seas. Through every swell of waves and glint of the merciless sun, the audience joins in the hardships and uncertainty of the man and woman, who go through the stages of bravado, hope, determination, conflict, doubt and despair in the long hours they spend fighting off sharks and battling jelly fish.

If "Feng Shui" won't let you sleep peacefully for at least a night, then "Open Water" might just keep you from a vacation on the beach—or a diving expedition—in the near future.

Populism and the fiscal crisis

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

ONE interesting observation that Rep. Joey Salceda makes in his recent dissection of the country's fiscal crisis takes the form of a question: "But, why is it that the power sector invites much of our major fiscal follies, from Marcos' nuke plant (one for the price of two) pushing Aquino to mothball it which then triggers the power crisis that justified Ramos' lopsided IPPs that then force Arroyo to cap the PPA?" His answer: "The moral of the PPA cap story is: the people eventually pay for such populist decisions of the government."

The key word is "populist." It is a term that has been used repeatedly in many analyses that try to explain the political roots of our economic problems. Its connotation is negative, which is ironic since the root word is people. One wonders what its opposite is. Anti-people?

In the context in which Salceda uses it, "populist" refers to something that aims to please the people in the short term in order to gain political points, but whose long-term effects may be injurious to their interests. A populist decision therefore is one that is made out of political opportunism, and without regard for its economic and other costs. This seems like an accurate description of the kind of politics we have had in this country. Is another kind possible given the nation's political history and socio-economic situation?

The desired alternative to populist politics, of course, is modern democratic politics where the contest for power takes place within institutional channels and under legitimized and accepted rules. The Philippines had this system in a formal sense until 1972, even if the vast majority of our people participated in it only in a marginal way. Marcos exploited the people's resentments against the oligarchy and aspirations to modernity to justify his own version of populist authoritarianism. His experiment is a replica of many failed initiatives in the Third World, notably in Latin America.

When Cory Aquino took the presidency in 1986 on the wings of a people power uprising, she could not ignore the diverse popular movements that brought her to power. This was a constituency that was deeply suspicious of politicians. Even if the wisdom of a nuclear power plant was arguable on technical grounds, the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant itself was seen as the epitome of all the sins of the Marcos regime. The new government had little choice but to abandon it. The only forces more powerful than the popular movements were the international creditor banks that demanded to be paid. And so we continue to pay them.

Recoiling from the controversies that attended big public projects like the nuclear plant, and having little money left to spend, the Aquino government shied away from infrastructure investments. The result was the power crisis that Cory's successor, Fidel Ramos, tried to fix through the instant but expensive cure of the "lopsided" independent power producers (IPPs). The heavy costs of these IPPs began to be felt only after the end of Ramos' term. Neither Joseph Estrada, who succeeded him, nor Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who took over from Estrada, was prepared to do anything about these obligations beyond re-financing them with more borrowings.

The desire to be popular was particularly strongest with Gloria. She was insecure about the presidency. From day one, she sought validation of her entitlement to the position by being elected to her own six-year term. She became extremely vulnerable to populist decision-making.

Political instability heightens populist pressure. The May presidential election could have ushered in another phase of uncertainty in our political life. The scandalous way in which the winners were proclaimed was a provocation to disorder. Ms Arroyo can thank the opposition for its decision to shift its protest from the streets to the Presidential Electoral Tribunal. The recent move of the Magdalo mutineers to come forward to apologize for their July 2003 takeover of the Oakwood Apartments in Makati also comes at a right time, as it will have a calming effect on the political scene.

The political scientist Gino Germani explains populism as the result of the uneven integration of the masses into a country's political life. The masses are activated by the mass media through the spread of modern lifestyles and attitudes and yet could not find adequate self-expression in the available political structures. The cities, where the resentments and unleashed energies of the economic underclasses are strongest, tend to be the epicenters of populist pressure.

In countries like ours marked by stark inequalities in life chances, populist ideology can oscillate between traditional electoral politics and authoritarianism. Those who ride upon it constitute an amazing variety of characters, says Germani. "Quite different political groups ... and the most diverse sectors—intellectuals, modernized workers, professionals and politicians of petty-bourgeois origin, military men, sectors of the old landowning oligarchy in economic and political decline, no less than the most bizarre combinations between them, have tried (sometimes successfully) to base themselves upon this human support in order to achieve their political aims."

We may rid ourselves of the curse of populism only when the entitlements of the poor to a decent existence are understood and honored by the government as rights rather than as personal favors dispensed by politicians.

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Questionable SC death verdict

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

IF not for the alert lawyers of the Public Attorney's Office, an agency of the government that provides free legal assistance to indigent litigants, Gerry Ebio would now be spending time in the death row of the National Penitentiary.

A Sorsogon regional trial court earlier found him guilty of raping his 11-year-old daughter and sentenced him to death. Seven out of 14 justices of the Supreme Court voted to affirm the lower court's decision. The other seven justices who did not participate in the proceedings were on official leave.

With no member of the tribunal rendering a dissenting opinion, the usual reaction of a lawyer handling a case of this nature will be to file a motion for reconsideration questioning the conclusions reached based on the records of the case; and then keep his fingers crossed, hoping that his request will receive favorable treatment from the justices.

It's really a shot in the dark because it is common knowledge in the legal circles that the justices rarely, if ever, change their mind in the appreciation of the facts in death penalty cases. They have a reputation for being meticulous in the review of judgments that spell the difference between life and death of a person accused of a capital crime.

This thoroughness is often cited as the reason for the delay in the resolution of death penalty cases. The tribunal would rather err on the side of caution than hastily affirm a conviction whose effects would be irreversible once implemented.

Review

The PAO lawyers went against the grain of tradition in the handling of cases that have been "unanimously" decided by the highest court of the land. Unimpressed by the tribunal's affirmation of the lower court's evaluation of the facts, they reviewed the justices' decision with a fine-tooth comb.

In trial practice, gut feeling, or a sense that something is wrong somewhere, plays a major role in a lawyer's evaluation of decisions that are adverse to his client's interests. Constant exposure to trial work creates in the lawyer a sixth sense of sorts that subliminally alerts him to possible flaws in a judge's resolution of a case.

There is something in the way the decision is written or the conclusions were reached that makes the alarm bells in the lawyer's mind ring. When this happens, the lawyer usually consults with his colleagues to find out if he missed an important point in the case.

The possibility of overlooking a significant item in the appeal is understandable. After handling a case for years, lawyers tend to assume certain facts or be influenced by the events that may have happened in the course of the trial. Thus, it is common practice in law offices for fresh lawyers' eyes to take a second look at court documents prepared by their colleagues to make sure all aspects of the case are covered.

The PAO lawyers assigned to Ebio's case knocked their heads together and, bingo! they found an issue that would justify asking the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision affirming the lower court's conviction of their client: whether or not the tribunal had the required quorum when it deliberated and voted on the case.

Quorum

The tribunal consists of 14 associate justices and one chief justice, or a total of 15 members. When there is a full complement of justices and they meet en banc to review death penalty cases, the quorum (or the number of justices who should be in attendance to be able to lawfully do their work) is eight or "50 percent plus one" of the entire membership.

If there is a quorum, the vote of a majority of those present constitutes a valid act of the court. For example, if out of nine justices present, six voted to affirm a death sentence, two voted against and one abstained, the decision of the six justices shall be considered the court's official action on the case.

At the time the tribunal deliberated on Ebio's case in 2002, it had only 14 members. Justice Santiago Kapunan had just retired then and President Macapagal-Arroyo had not yet appointed his replacement.

For unexplained reasons, the question of what constitutes a quorum when the tribunal has only 14 sitting justices did not cross the mind of the seven justices who voted in the case, their respective staff and the court official who takes a final look at the decisions before they are released to the public.

What the tribunal overlooked, the PAO lawyers were able to spot. Considering their heavy workload, that item could have been similarly glossed over or missed, and the lawyers cannot be faulted for that omission. The fact that they saw it, amid the other equally important issues involved in the case, shows their professionalism and dedication to the cause of extending free competent legal assistance to people who cannot afford to pay for legal services.

Re-deliberation

Since the PAO raised a valid point, the tribunal decided to recall its action on Ebio's case and take a second look on the issue of whether it had a quorum at the time it voted to affirm his appointment with death.

In what looked like a face-saving move, the high court stated that the Constitution does not spell out the number of justices required to be present to constitute a quorum when they meet as a body, and that the records of the 1986 Constitutional Commission are silent on what the quorum should be when it has only 14 members.

The problem with this explanation is, it ignores the fact that the tribunal has used in the past the standard definition of quorum—50 percent plus one—in determining the validity of courses of action taken by collegiate bodies or agencies in the government and private sector. Also, a cursory review of its previous decisions shows that it observes the "50 percent plus one" rule when it deliberates on cases either as five-member divisions or en banc.

The cavalier treatment of the elementary issue of quorum in Ebio's case will be difficult to explain to the convict's relatives or the people languishing in death row. Because the Constitution gave the justices life and death powers over the men and women in our country who have committed capital crimes, the people expect them to leave no stones unturned or no question unanswered when they review death penalty cases.

The PAO lawyers should be commended for bringing to the forefront an issue that strikes deep into the integrity of our review system for death penalty cases.

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UP 11 plan: Can it keep RP afloat? (5)

THE DEBATE on why the Philippine economy is in bad shape and what should be done to fix it continues. Trade liberalization was not among the causes of the fiscal crisis that 11 professors at the University of the Philippines School of Economics identified in their paper "The Deepening Crisis: The Real Score on Deficits and the Public Debt" (Talk of the Town, Aug. 29).

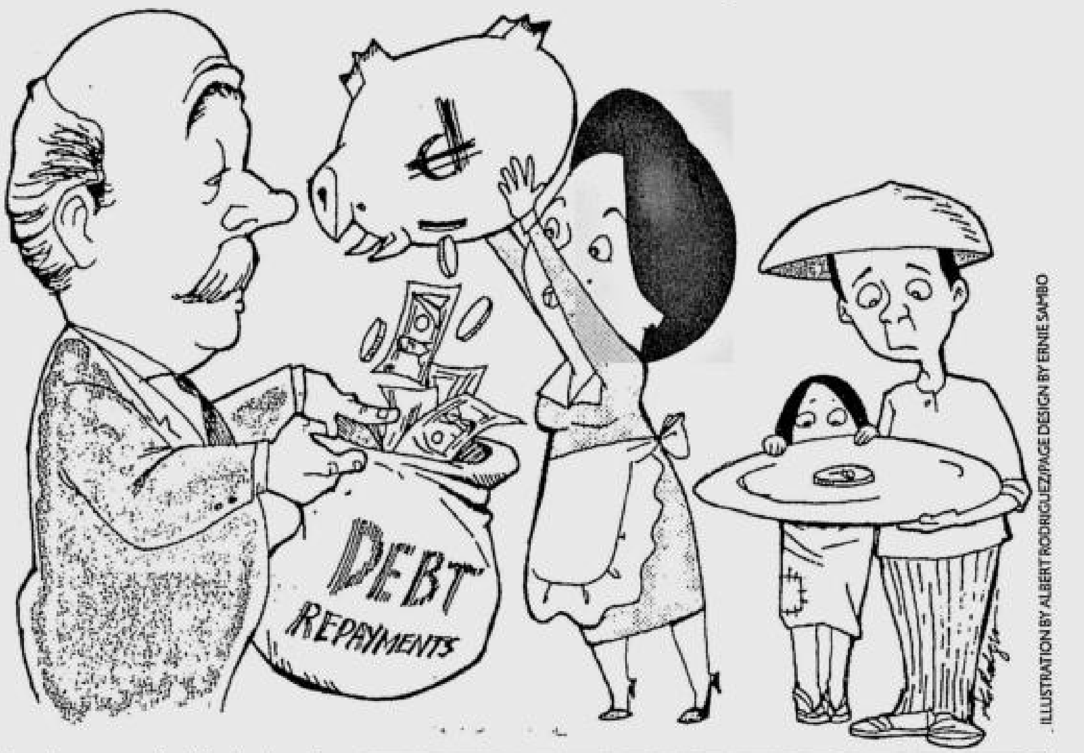
Because of this omission, members of non-government organizations claim the UP economists are selective in identifying the causes of the crisis. In their paper "The UP School of Economics report: Overdue, selective, not daring enough" (Talk of the Town, Sept. 5), Walden Bello, Liddy Nacpil and Ana Maria Nemenzo said customs collection declined from 5.6 percent of gross national product in the mid-1990s to 2.8 percent in 2002 because of the country's unilateral trade liberalization program.

To ease the debt problem, they proposed that the county's foreign creditors share the burden by loosening their terms.

The critique of the UP economists' paper did not sit well with six Ph.D. students at the UPSE. In "The Bello, et al. critique: Biased and economically unsound" (Talk of the Town, Sept. 19), the graduate students said the argument of their mentors' critics that customs revenues declined because of trade liberalization was a case of *post hoc, ergo propter hoc* fallacy. Just because liberalization happened before the fall in revenue effort doesn't mean that the former caused the latter. The Ph.D. students also pointed out that the critics' proposal that the Philippines follow the example of Argentina, which grew 7 percent in 2003 unburdened by debt payments, was another example of the *post hoc, ergo propter hoc* fallacy.

Responding to the critique of their critique, Bello, Nacpil and Nemenzo claim that the position of the UPSE students on trade liberalization and debt management is untenable. Amado Gat Inciong, for his part, contends that the graduate students' views on trade liberalization are colored by a deficit in their knowledge of the country's economic history.

As the debate rages, Talk of the Town continues to receive commentaries on the fiscal crisis, including that of Dr. Edberto M. Villegas' "Fiscal crisis and the neo-colonial state (UP group's prescription will make Filipinos poorer)," which this section will run along with another article in the next issue to help put the crisis in context.



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A prescription for crisis: Comments on the UP School of Economics response

By Walden Bello, Lidy Nacpil, and Ana Maria Nemenzo

The contribution to the debate on the fiscal crisis by the UP School of Economics graduate students is welcome (Talk of the Town, Sept. 19). Unfortunately, the positions they take in rebutting our arguments are simply untenable.

First, they throw doubts on our claim that trade liberalization is a major cause of the fiscal crisis. Second, they argue that trade liberalization has led to macroeconomic stability. Third, they assert that while the foreign debt situation is very serious, there is little we can do about it.

On the first point, we simply can't understand why our UP economists cannot face the facts. "It is erroneous," they write, "to assert that tariff reduction should lead to a corresponding decrease in customs collections ..." It did, and drastically.

Radical program

On the revenue side, the trade liberalization that started with Executive Order 264—which phased in, beginning 1994, a radical program to unilaterally reduce all tariffs to zero to five percent by 2004—resulted in radically decreased customs collections in a very short period of time.

In 1995-1997, customs collections of import duties plunged from P64 billion to P45 billion. In 1995-2003, while the value of imports grew by 41.1 percent, customs collections of import duties declined by 35.7 percent; imports rose from $26.5 billion in 1995 to $37.4 billion in 2003, but import duties fell from P64.4 billion to P41.4 billion (See Table).

As a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP), total customs collections (import duties plus import taxes) fell from 5.6 percent of GDP in 1993 to 2.8 percent in 2002. True, the figures show that local tax effort also declined in 1994-2003, but they are clear that the bulk of the loss of total revenue was accounted for by tariff reduction.

Probably, the best estimates of foregone revenue are provided by economist Clarence Pascual of the Labor Education and Research Network, who finds that total foregone revenue rises from P58 billion in 1998 to P108 billion in 2003, averaging 2.4 percent of GDP for the period.

Mind-boggling

These are magnitudes that are, he notes; simply "mind-boggling." These are the magnitudes that led former Finance Secretary Jose Isidro Camacho to admit the obvious: "The severe deterioration of fiscal performance from the mid-1990's could be attributed to aggressive tariff reduction."

The UP economists then fall back on a second line of defense, which is to parrot Professor Ben Diokno's line during a recent television appearance that while radical tariff liberalization may have reduced government revenues, it contributed to taming inflation owing to cheaper goods flowing in, thus bringing about macroeconomic stability.

No empirical evidence

They present no empirical evidence that tariff liberalization contained inflation, but there is a lot of evidence that it induced macroeconomic distress. Again, to cite Pascual, the two growth episodes of the period of radical tariff liberalization, 1993-1995 and 1999-2003, spanning a total of eight years, were accompanied by rising, not falling unemployment. "The flood of imports occasioned by the tariff reduction program represented massive job creation—abroad."

Radical tariff liberalization has not only contributed to an escalation of the unemployment rate but to severe damage to our agricultural and industrial producers, a great many of whom have been driven to bankruptcy.

A glimpse into the depth of the structural crisis induced by radical tariff liberalization is provided by the recent report of a government review committee constituted under Executive Order 241 to review tariff rates.

Casualties

In the end, the committee—composed of people with no discernible bias for protectionism—was forced to recommend raising tariffs on 627 of 1,371 locally produced goods owing to overwhelming evidence that they had been damaged by unfair competition from imports. The list of industrial casualties is awesome: paper products, textiles, ceramics, rubber products, furniture and fixtures, petrochemicals, beverage, wood, shoes, petroleum oils, clothing accessories and leather goods.

One of the industries most affected by the tariff cuts as well as the abuse of duty free privileges is the textile industry, which has shrunk from 200 firms in the 1970s to less than 10 today. Again Camacho is unequivocal: "There's an uneven implementation of trade liberalization, which was to our disadvantage," with the result that "it has killed so many local industries."

Turning to the expenditure side of the debate, the UP graduate students simply repeat their teachers' stance that, yes, foreign debt repayments are bleeding the country, but the time to do anything about it is long gone. As Professor Solita Monsod said recently, "We have been overtaken by events. We should have done something 17 years ago. To say something now, no one is going to be sympathetic."

Debt renegotiation

We don't need to do anything drastic with our creditors because we are not yet in Argentina's situation, they say. We say, on the contrary, that unless we do something drastic now in terms of renegotiating the terms of repayment, we will end up very soon like Argentina and be forced to default. Debt servicing, according to Cielito Habito, former National Economic and Development Authority (Neda) chief, will eat up 81 percent of government revenues this year and is projected to consume 89 percent in 2005.

Another way of looking at this is that in order to enable the government to keep functioning, we must resort to borrowing from foreign and local creditors to stay current on our debt servicing. However one reads them, the figures underline one thing: we are essentially back where we were in the early 1980s, which is that of borrowing new money at increasingly disadvantageous rates to pay off old debts.

Day of reckoning

And the day of reckoning is fast approaching: Interest payments now account for 46 percent of the budget, and the combination of a peaking payments schedule and declining revenues may soon push that above the 50-percent mark owing to the automatic appropriations law. To repeat: to do nothing now about restructuring the debt is precisely to bring about the very bankruptcy and default that the UP economists hope to avoid.

Paralysis

The collective paralysis at the UP School of Economics is partly due to a gross misreading of the temper of the times. There is now a great awareness in the world's financial centers that financial crises promise to be even more disruptive in the future and there is, therefore, an urgent need to create multilateral mechanisms to deal with such events as the Argentine default.

One of the ideas that has been mooted is the creation of a Sovereign Debt Restructuring Mechanism (SDRM) that would allow countries in the throes of or entering a financial crisis like the Philippines to freeze or reduce their repayments with full legal protection as well as with financial support from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) while they undergo an orderly restructuring of their debt with their creditors.

Proponent

Surprisingly, the otherwise orthodox Deputy Director of the IMF Ann Krueger of the United States has become the main proponent of this idea, though the Bush administration continues to reject it.

The point in raising this is not to support the current SDRM proposal (which we feel has serious flaws and is still inadequate for effectively dealing with financial crises) but to emphasize that no one wants another Argentina, and the Philippines must capitalize on this mood to push its creditors to negotiations to radically restructure and devalue its debt at this point.

In a recent interview, Professor Monsod, reminiscing about the debt crisis of the 1980s, asserted that in debt negotiations, "If you don't know how to negotiate, you're dead. You capitulate immediately." We agree. Unfortunately, she and UPSE's current position amounts to something worse—capitulation even before negotiations begin.

Fortunately, there are now more courageous voices from the economics establishment that increasingly recognize the need for renegotiating the terms of our debt, such as former Neda chief Habito, who recently proposed that we begin by renegotiating with a view to reducing the debt we owe the World Bank and the IMF, which comes to 22.8 percent of our total public foreign debt.

As a final point, we would like to point out that it is disconcerting to note our UPSE graduate students adopting the habit of some of their mentors, when they are getting the worst of an argument, of dismissing disagreements with orthodox positions as an "ideological reflex." We are dealing with facts here, not faith, and, as the Romans used to say, "Contra factum non esse disputandum." You cannot argue against the facts.

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Imports and Customs Collections : 1995-2003

Year	Imports (in millions of US dollars)	Customs duties (in millions of pesos)
1995	26,537	64,410
1996	32,427	62,457
1997	35,934	44,602
1998	29,660	42,347
1999	30,741	42,485
2000	34,491	48,428
2001	33,057	38,631
2002	35,427	36,541
2003	37,447	41,414

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A deficit in history?

By Amado Gat Inciong

Could it be due to an acute deficit in history? I raise the question because, in "The Bello, et al. critique: Biased and economically unsound," (Talk of the Town, Sept. 19) six University of the Philippines School of Economics (UPSE) Ph.D. students wrote:

"... The aim of trade liberalization was to reduce the overall level of tariffs as well as their dispersion to reduce the protectionist barriers to efficiency and enhance the competitiveness of domestic industry, which had been stymied by decades of protection."

Domestic industry "had been stymied by decades of protection?" The UPSE Ph.D. students must have in mind the domestic industry of another country, not the Philippines'. For our own domestic industry has never been protected vis-à-vis the United States except during the Japanese occupation.

Free trade

Prior to 1909, our colonial masters simply did with our domestic economy what they wanted. In 1909, Washington institutionalized our economic relations with the United States by enacting the Payne-Aldrich Act. This Act established free trade between the United States and its colony, the Philippines. US-manufactured goods freely entered the Philippines; Philippine copra, sugar and abaca freely entered the US market.

As a result, we became dependent upon the US for manufactured goods and our sugar, coconut and abaca landlords, who thereby amassed immense wealth, became America's dependable political and economic overseers in the Philippines.

Free trade under the Payne-Aldrich Act of 1909 prevailed until it was replaced by the Bell Trade Act in 1946, the year the Philippines supposedly gained independence.

The Bell Trade Act extended the life of RP-US free trade; it also decreed parity between Filipinos and Americans in the exploitation of natural resources and in the operation of public utilities. From the American point of view parity was a real favor granted to Filipinos because, prior to independence, Americans had a monopoly on natural resources and public utilities.

In 1956, the Laurel-Langley Agreement (LLA) came into force. With some modifications, like accelerating and decelerating tariffs, the LLA extended the life of free trade until 1974; at the same time, it expanded parity to cover all economic activities.

Free trade and parity were supposed to lapse with the expiration of the LLA in 1974. But as early as 1962, in exchange for a loan of $300 million, the Macapagal administration accepted World Bank-International Monetary Fund debt conditions designed to replace the LLA. Among others, these conditions were decontrol and devaluation which effectively pulled the rug from under the feet of Filipino-owned import substitution industries established from 1950-1961.

Exchange controls

Instituted during the 1950s at the instance of Washington, import and exchange controls did not affect Americans (natural as well as corporate persons) doing business in the Philippines because, under the Bell Trade Act and, since 1956, under the LLA, they enjoyed the protection of free trade and parity. In other words, they had the same rights as Filipinos in the economy. In fact, because of their superiority in capital, technology and connections, they enjoyed decisive advantages over Filipinos.

When Ferdinand Marcos became president in 1966, he initially pursued decontrol and devaluation reluctantly. But during his second term, especially under martial law, he implemented decontrol and devaluation full blast. Technocrats beholden to the WB-IMF were deployed in key economic posts in government.

Tariffs were liberalized on thousands of imported items. In place of import substitution industrialization, a labor intensive—export-oriented strategy of development was adopted. The floating rate system was introduced and a series of devaluation ensued. Automatic debt service was instituted. In exchange, Washington liberally bankrolled the Marcos regime, thus the country's debt reached $26 billion at the close of Marcos' rule.

The expiry of the LLA in 1974 was a non-event because its free trade and parity provisions had been replaced by the WB-IMF debt conditions. Our accession to the Uruguay Round covenants of the World Trade Organization in 1995 institutionalized those conditions.

Privatization

Our country embraced globalization under which national sovereignty effectively resides in the market, no longer in the people and liberalization, deregulation, privatization, and level playing field became, no matter what our Constitution says, sovereign state policies.

In the context of history, how can we talk about "decades of protection?"

It seems about time the teaching of history, which has been sidelined in the UP curriculum, was restored as a full-fledged subject.

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Army withdraws from ex-guerrilla camp

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The military has already completed its pullout from the Buliok complex, Southern Command Chief Maj. Gen. Generoso Senga announced yesterday.

The pullout of government troops from the former lair of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) in Pikit, North Cotabato and Pagalungan, Maguindanao, was one of the conditions that the rebel group laid down before it resumes negotiating with the government.

Marines have been occupying the area since its fall during the government-MILF war last year.

"The Philippine government has pulled out its troops in accordance with an agreement reached with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front during the 5th Exploratory Talks held in Malaysia last February," Senga said.

He said the pullout started on Sept. 20 and was completed Wednesday.

Senga said the Marines, under Col. Ben Dolorfino of the 2nd Marine Brigade, were already deployed to the provinces of Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

With the pullout of the Marines, Senga said he ordered the Army's 602nd Infantry Brigade to provide security for government personnel undertaking the construction of the "Tulay ng Pangulo Project" in Buliok.

"A joint GRP-MILF ceasefire monitoring office was also established in Barangay Bagoinged (in Pikit) to monitor and coordinate all relevant matters and issues pertaining to the peace process," he said.

"We are doing it in good faith," Senga said of the pullout.

The MILF said it was happy with the latest development and hopes that the repositioning of troops would further strengthen the ceasefire so that the peace process could already move forward.

Kuala Lumpur, which has been brokering the negotiations, had already sent an advance team of international monitors to oversee the truce.

The peace talks could begin next month according to the government and the MILF although Malaysia has yet to set a definite date.

Malacañang was optimistic that a final peace agreement could be signed with the rebels within the next few months.

Meanwhile, the military said it would not insist on Davao City as venue of next year's Balikatan exercises between American and Filipino troops, according to Senga.

Earlier, Davao City officials, including Mayor Rodrigo Duterte, said they would vigorously oppose the holding of the war games there.

On Wednesday, some 100 Davao village chairs trooped to the city's Sangguniang Panlungsod and passed a resolution opposing the conduct of the Balikatan in their city.

The furor over the Balikatan in Davao was fueled by a statement issued by Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes II that the city could be next venue of the war games.

"I respect the opinion of Duterte, that's his prerogative," Senga told the INQUIRER. *Julie S. Alipala and Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

MS ARROYO swears into office her new adviser for new government centers, former Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario. PHOTO FROM MALACAÑANG

GMA names ex-governor gov't centers adviser

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has created the Office of the Presidential Adviser for New Government Centers and appointed ex-Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario of Davao del Norte to head it.

"One of the declared priorities of the government is the promotion of regional development and the decentralization of government departments and agencies through the transfer and establishment of new government centers outside Metro Manila," Ms Arroyo said in Executive Order No. 352 creating the new office.

Del Rosario, a management and development planning expert who will hold the position with a Cabinet rank, said in a statement he would identify sites for government centers outside Metro Manila.

He said priority would be "unutilized government-owned buildings and facilities."

So far, the President has ordered the transfer of the Department of Tourism to Cebu City, the Department of Agriculture to Davao City, Department of Agrarian Reform to Iloilo City, and the Department of Transportation and Communications to Angeles City.

Del Rosario's task includes ensuring that support facilities are available for the new government centers.

He would also facilitate government funding for local development plans and projects such as farm-to-market roads, irrigation facilities, post harvest facilities and other infrastructure.

1,286 cops in Mindanao have no firearms

DAVAO CITY—A large number of police officers in Southern Mindanao have no firearms, according to an inventory conducted by the regional police office.

Chief Supt. Simeon Dizon, regional police chief, said during the inventory conducted last week, it was found that about 27 percent of the region's 4,765 police personnel do not have government issued firearms.

"This would show that the region's police force is lacking in long and short firearms," Dizon told reporters here.

Speaking in actual number, Dizon said there are 1,286 police officers who have yet to receive firearms.

He said the Philippine National Police headquarters has promised to ship 150 rifles and pistols to Southern Mindanao but these are still not enough.

With the government's campaign against terrorism, Dizon sought to allay fears that the region's police command could not possibly provide adequate response. *Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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The Dermatologists' Concerns and Challenge

Today, there is an alarming, unabated proliferation of "skin clinics," owners of which boldly and misleadingly call themselves "dermatologists." Several of these establishments are actually cosmetic parlors, while others are manned by physicians who are self-proclaimed dermatologists. Are they really legitimate dermatologists? Dermatologists are licensed medical doctors who have undergone 3 years of training on the science of dermatology which includes diagnosis and medical and surgical management of disorders of the skin, hair and nails. Mere attendance in seminars, workshops or conventions, both locally or abroad, without the basic three-year dermatology training is certainly not enough to make one a dermatologist.

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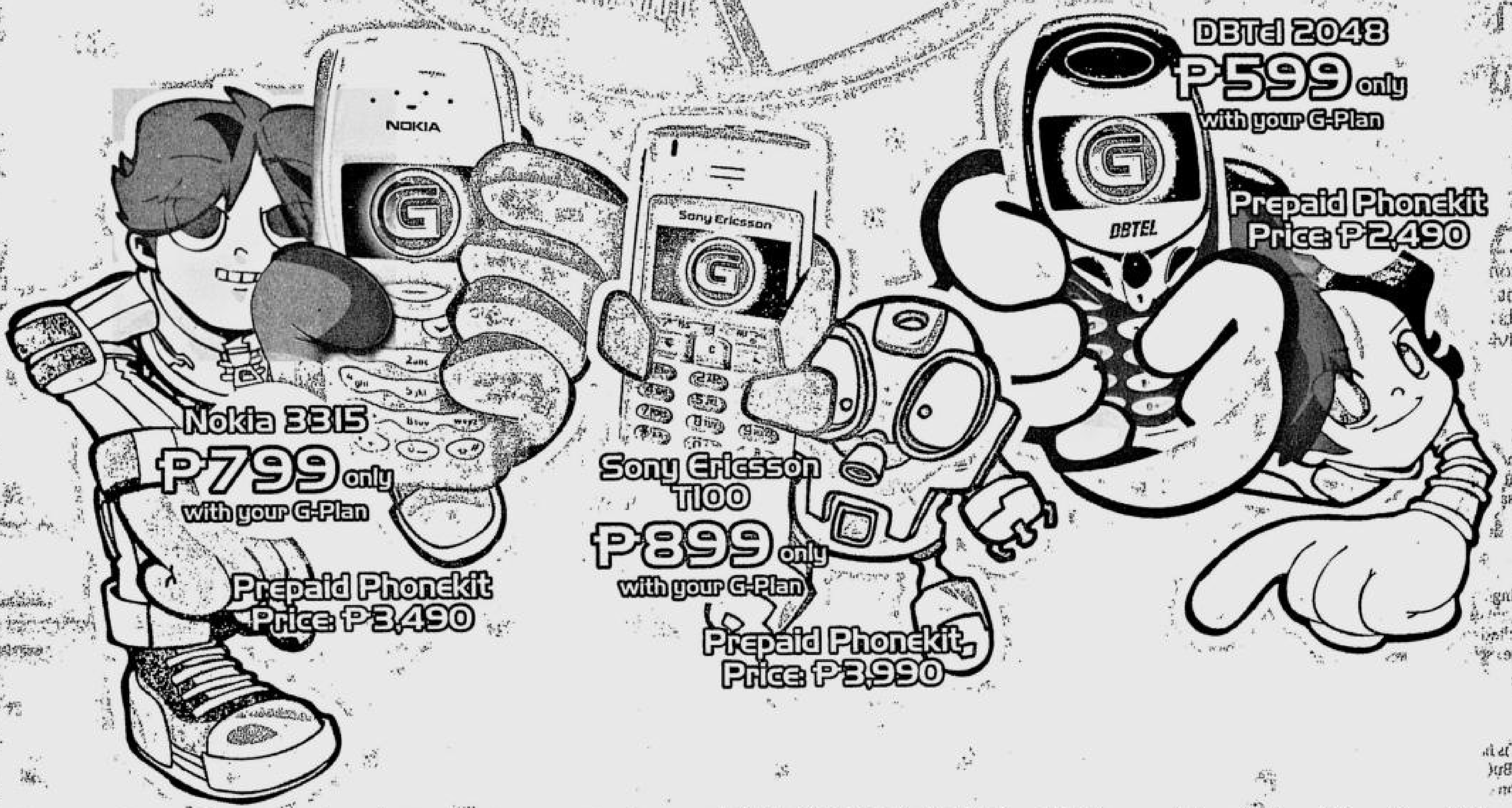
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By Maria Cecil Laguardia
Maguindanao

"THIS was once a battlefield, tanks and all. It was a gruesome experience for us, much more for the children."

Santalia Tomas vividly shared the pains they endured for many years, especially during the government's "all-out" war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 2000.

Garigaya is a village in Buldon, Maguindanao. The people are frustrated of their situation, but one can see how hopeful they are that someday, lasting peace and a more sustainable development would be achieved.

"Our village was where the soldiers camped as they did intense shelling of the dissident groups. They could not go any farther because of the strong defense put up by the other group," Tomas said.

The only school building in the village was destroyed. A village secretary said a bomb landed right smack at the building. "There were no classes anymore. By then, the children had been brought to the evacuation centers."

The building is now roofless, its walls pockmarked with bullet holes, and tall grasses have already grown.

In June 2003, Tomas, who just earned a teaching degree from the Mindanao Capital Colleges, volunteered to open the school and teach even without salary. "I pity the children," she said.

Five months later, she was employed by the Department of Education.

But it was not the end of her problems. She had to make the makeshift building temporarily assigned as a school comfortable enough for the children. The structure was once a mosque.

"It was such a sacrifice. There were not enough books, chairs and school supplies," Tomas recalled.

Most of the time, the children would go to school as early as they could so they can sit on a few available chairs, she said. Those who do not have chairs either sat on the floor or stood on the side. "This is the cause of fight among them—no chairs to sit on."

Handling a multigrade (children in two grades are combined into one class because of the shortage of teachers) class of Grades 1 and 2 is very difficult. She has to accommodate all of them, or else some of the children will be left out. The central school is two to three kilometers from the village.

"The children's interest under this condition will be dependent on the teacher. That is why I have to do my best to keep them learning. I take it as a challenge," she said.

"In most cases, I buy the school supplies from my own money and provide some of the things of the children," Tomas said, stressing that she could not simply ignore their needs.

Her most urgent appeal is for a school to be built for the children. "We need a building that we can call a school for them. We need the facilities that would help them learn well as they deserve."

She said they have already sent village resolutions asking the DepEd that a budget be allocated for the school but "until now nothing has been done."

Meanwhile, the children suffer.

Rescuing the Butuanon language

By Ramon Jorge Sarabosing
Butuan City

A YOUTH group called the Save Our Languages Through Federalism (Solfed) is coming to the rescue of the ancient Butuanon language, which experts and observers say may be dead or dying.

For Dr. Jose Dakudao, Solfed national president, the Butuanon belongs to the category of moribund languages, one that is no longer being learned as the mother tongue by children or the current generation.

The majority of local languages in the country for that matter are moribund, Dakudao says, because they are pushed to the margins by Tagalog and English.

"It is unfortunate that local people neglect or throw away their native tongue in favor of a so-called national language, in the process making them feel inferior or ashamed of their own selves," he said.

Dakudao, who is a neurosurgeon and language scholar from the University of the Philippines, believes that language is the soul of culture, the foundation of a people's integrity. "If you take away the native language, the people's idealism disintegrates, just like what is happening now," he said.

In Butuan, only a small segment of the population can speak the language. They are concentrated in Barangays Babag, Banza and Maon. They are the direct descendants of old Butuanon families who passed the language on to the young. But the youths complain: "When people downtown hear us speak Butuanon, they ask us where we are from."

"It is ironic that Butuanons have become aliens in their own place of birth," said Dakudao, noting that this was happening in other parts of the country as well.

"We want the Butuanon language to be back in the mainstream consciousness of our people because it is a major part of our identity, our dynamic and colorful pre-colonial history," said Fr. Josilo Amalla, a local historian and adviser of Solfed.

Dakudao and Amalla need not lose hope. On their side are Solfed members who are youth leaders in their barangays and schools.

Breakthroughs

To further deepen their interest and pride, and to heighten consciousness, Amalla conducts Butuanon language interactions. Solfed also runs a radio program daily.

"This is part of telling Butuanons, whether descendants or migrants, that we have a beautiful, authentic language of our own, and we must practice it," he said.

Solfed has also made exciting breakthroughs in the local translations of the national anthem, several classic Visayan songs, Christmas carols and prayers. Its choir's renditions of the songs have been received warmly by audiences.

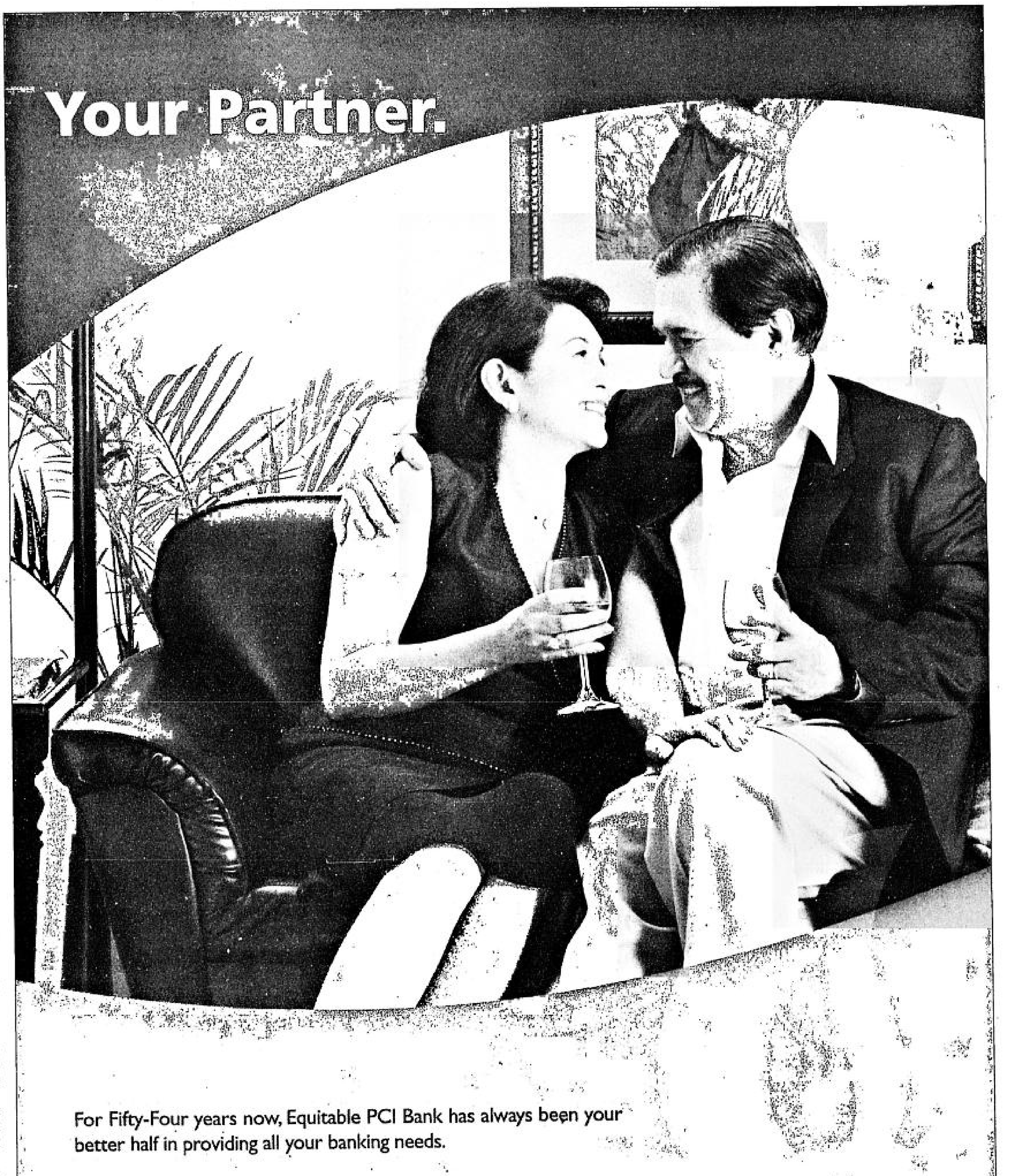
The city government has recognized Solfed's efforts and has vowed support. Through the Butuan Historical and Cultural Foundation and in partnership with the academe, it launched the "Speak Butuanon Week" during the city's founding anniversary.

The celebration's major activity was the inter-school Butuanon language speaking contest. "We hope that this activity will generate the kind of pride and encourage more young people to know who they are," noted Greg Hontiveros, president of the foundation.

In the world of homogenization, what chance do the Butuanon and other local languages have that will be appreciated and practiced again? Can the people look at their native language as a major language at par with Tagalog, Cebuano and English?

"People should be reoriented, and local languages must be taught [again]—whatever and wherever it may take. Our political leaders and the academe must lead in this aspect. Even the Church has a big role as well," Dakudao said.

And why federalism? "Federalism enables the local people to run their own political and economic destiny, asserting in the process their own true culture and in a more concrete way through their respective language," the scholar added.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Opposition favors amnesty for Magdalo

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE OPPOSITION is in favor of granting amnesty to the Magdalo mutineers.

"Perhaps extending amnesty to rebel soldiers is better than declaring amnesty for tax evaders. That should be given priority by the President," Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. (PDP-Laban) said yesterday in a statement.

The senator—who had earlier announced that the opposition would block any new taxes except the so-called "sin taxes"—said the young officers' apology presented "a golden opportunity" for President Macapagal-Arroyo to "put an end to divisiveness in the military and society as a whole.

"They must have realized how wrong it was to use coercive means in seeking redress of grievances. And we view this as a good beginning. That can serve as a jumping point for genuine reconciliation," he said.

Pimentel said amnesty was the right course of action if the mutineers were really sincere in their repentance and if Ms Arroyo wanted to hasten the healing of the wounds of conflict.

But he pointed out that any amnesty proclamation was subject to ratification by Congress.

He said the other option was for the President to grant executive pardon to the Magdalo group. "But that will be possible only after a final conviction," he said.

Palace defends mutineers

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Arroyo was "not a legal matter but a political decision."

"I am their lawyer but what they did is outside the scope of my responsibility. So I cannot say whether I am or am not in favor of their decision. As of now, it has no effect on their cases," he said.

Won't do it again

In his "View from the Palace" weekly column, Bunye said the officers' letter of apology to Ms Arroyo had been prepared five weeks ago and sent to her through a civilian emissary.

But it was only last Wednesday that Ms Arroyo read the letter, Bunye said. This was apparently the same night that Ms Arroyo made an unannounced, unscheduled visit to the mutineers' detention camp in Fort Bonifacio.

"Everything seemed to fall into place. Just the day before, Sept. 21, anniversary of the declaration of martial law, the President convened the National Security Council [with the theme] unity and reconciliation," Bunye said.

He described the scene at the Department of National Defense on Friday when Ms Arroyo faced the officers for the first time since last year's mutiny.

"The snappy salute to their Commander in Chief said it all. They are sorry. They are willing to face the consequences of their act. They promise not to do it again," he said.

Bunye said the six officers were a "picture of contrition" both when they were presented to Ms Arroyo in the nationally televised event and in a subsequent closed-door meeting held at the office of Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz Jr.

"What struck me was the fact that the six officers never asked for leniency for themselves. They even reiterated their willingness and readiness to face the full consequences of their action," he said.

He also said that while Ms Arroyo accepted the apology, she directed top military officials to "expedite court martial proceedings [that] have been stalled in the past due to the numerous peremptory challenges by defense counsel."

Bunye denied that a secret arrangement had been forged:

"There was no deal," he said in the radio interview. "What the President publicly said was to order that the pending case in the military court be expedited."

He said Ms Arroyo had been working to heal the deep divisions brought about by the communist and secessionist rebellions, the Edsa I, II and III uprisings, last year's mutiny and other partisan conflicts.

"The example of the Magdalo soldiers could pave the way [for unity and reconciliation]," he said.

Ms Arroyo flew yesterday to Legaspi, Albay, to meet with military officials.

And to prove her resolve to look after the welfare of military men, she distributed 500 new pairs of combat boots to soldiers belonging to the 65th Infantry Brigade of the Army's 9th Infantry Division

Worn combat boots was one of the rallying points of the Magdalo group who denounced the alleged massive corruption in the military.

Deception

Adaza said his clients did not inform him of their plan. He said he had not spoken with them or his co-counsel since the apology was made.

"I can only understand the apology as consistent with [the book] 'The Art of War' by Sun Tzu. The No. 1 rule there is deception," he said, adding without elaborating that there was "deception" on both sides.

Adaza said it was possible that a deal had been forged. "They can't fool anyone. They can't just come out of the blue, kicking their teeth and principles in. They should know better than that," he said.

Asked to comment on reports that the apology was made because the officers were concerned for their followers' families, Adaza said many opposition leaders jailed during martial law never apologized or backed down from their beliefs.

"That means [the six officers] don't have what it takes. Why did they [mount the mutiny] in the first place?" said Adaza, who was himself imprisoned for over a year during martial law.

He added: "They have been called the best and brightest. But if this is the kind of soldiers we have, if they don't even know how to assess the current situation, we might as well abolish the Armed Forces and the Philippine Military Academy."

But he said he might reconsider his decision to quit as counsel depending "on whether they can explain in stark terms that they are not doing this following a puppet master."

Pulido, however, dismissed speculation that the officers had been coerced into apologizing or that a deal had been struck between them and the government.

"I have worked with them closely through many trying times. I believe they have the intellect and maturity to arrive at a decision like this. I believe 100 percent that they arrived at this decision on their own. I am sure it was an intelligent and well thought-out decision," Pulido said.

Reconciliation

At Fort del Pilar in Baguio City, the superintendent of the PMA praised the Magdalo officers.

Maj. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing told reporters that the apology of the officers, most of them members of Marilag Class of 1995, would stabilize conditions and "start the reconciliation process."

But Vice Admiral Ariston de los Reyes, AFP vice chief of staff, did not touch on the matter when he spoke before 281 members of the PMA Baghawi Class of 2008 during their recognition rites yesterday.

De los Reyes said Class 2008 would be the "internal movers" of an "internal reform" in the PMA corps of cadets and, ultimately, in the entire AFP.

"Internal reform involves defeating what is known as the three-headed nemesis of the PMA—bullying, academic mediocrity and weakening of the honor code," he said, adding:

"I speak not only to the PMA Class of 2008 but to all cadets when I say that you must take on this challenge: Absorb what is useful and abandon what is not. Wrong traditions have a way of tying us down. If we continue to cling to the unreasonable, unnecessary and harmful beliefs and practices, we will not move forward."

Balaoing said De los Reyes' speech did not touch on the actions and idealism of the Magdalo soldiers.

"I do not know if you can associate the [mutineers] with the way we are trained here at the academy. These are individuals who are responsible for their own actions," he said.

'Principled men'

In an interview with the INQUIRER in Bay, Laguna, the spokesperson of a major faction of the Guardians, which was accused of being the civilian component of the failed mutiny, said it respected the decision of the six Magdalo officers.

But Ernesto Macahiya of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. (PGBI) stressed that the group would never apologize to Ms Arroyo and to other government leaders whom they had accused of graft and corruption.

Macahiya said the officers' apology proved that they were "principled men." *With reports from Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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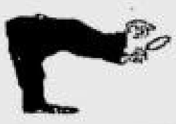

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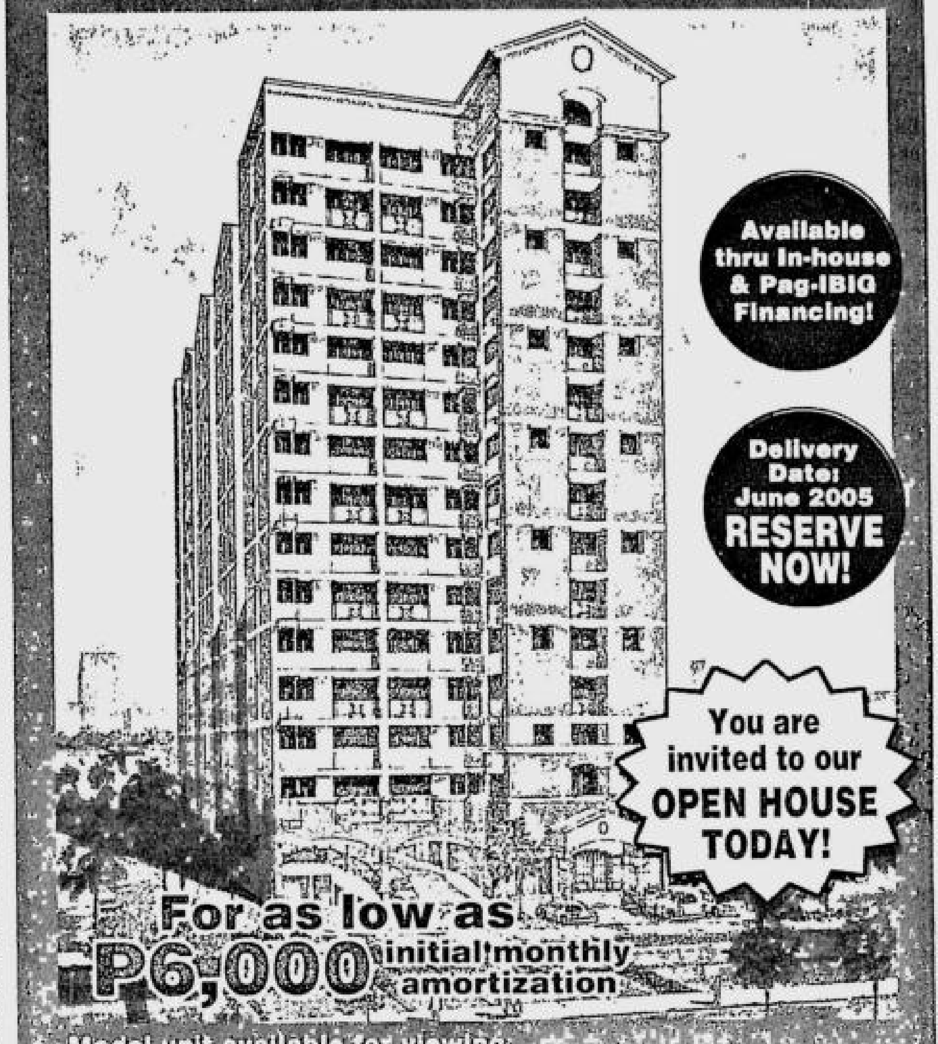

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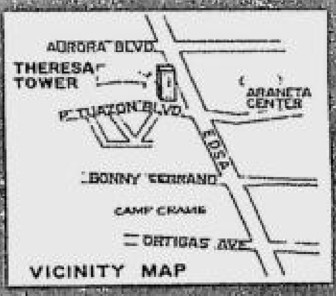

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Sharing life with street children

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served with the Catholic charity group Caritas in France for 11 years before embarking on a mission of his own in Manila.

The 54-year-old native of Lille, France, is now based in a middle-class village in Makati and has forged links with the social welfare department, local governments and the NGO community.

Honors from France

He can speak Filipino and has adapted well to his environs. Now, he said, he would probably be afraid to take a late night stroll down Parisian streets but not around his neighborhood in Barangay La Paz.

As foundation president, Lemay oversees a regular staff of about 90 Filipinos. He has also attracted fellow French citizens and other foreigners to do volunteer work in the various centers.

Under his watch, Virlanie has also become a partner of the Department of Justice in the campaign against child abuse.

His life's work was honored by his country in 2001, when he was conferred the French Republic Human Rights Peace Prize.

Christian roots

"I am from a Christian family," was his opening line when asked why he chose this line of work. His father was an engineer "who had helped many people, while my mother was very Catholic."

"I think I have had many blessings in my life which—as Jesus Christ told us in his parables—I must now share."

If he sounds like a priest, that's because as early as 11 years old, he was already dreaming of becoming one. By his late teens, he was attending a seminary in Paris, studying theology, sociology and psychology.

But upon reaching his early 20s, "I said to myself that I love the girls too much that I cannot be a priest. Otherwise, I'll just be a bad priest," he smiled.

Now, he has his own family.

Stronger calling

Lemay first came to the Philippines in 1988 on assignment from a French NGO to do research on street children. This was after he had served Caritas for 11 years and finished his masteral studies in sociology and social work in France.

DOMINIQUE LEMAY, Kuya Dominik to this tyke and his other wards, awaits the arrival of a major benefactor—Princess Caroline.

The NGO's original plan was to have him stay in Manila for a couple of years "just to set up" a home for street children—after which he could return to France. Under this arrangement, he founded the Masigla Foundation Inc., with its care center located on Taft Avenue near De La Salle University.

He did return to France after two years, "but I went back (to the Philippines) because I felt I was not finishing what I had started." Answering this stronger calling led him to put up Virlanie in 1992 with the help of Filipino social workers.

Thanks to private donors, mostly from Europe, "specialized" Virlanie homes have been built through the years to serve wards according to specific age brackets, gender, physical condition and personal circumstances.

Princess and philanthropists

One center, called Marco Polo, takes in homeless children aged four to 10. The Mother and Child Home offers refuge to teenage mothers in "crisis," while the Ella Yallah Home cares for the mentally challenged.

Representing the humanitarian outfit Amade International that was founded by her mother, Princess Caroline will be hosting a private charity dinner on Oct. 25 to raise funds for the foundation.

Around 400 philanthropists will be invited to the event to be held at the Shangri-La Hotel Manila in Makati City. It will feature an Inno Sotto fashion show and a mini-concert by Virlanie children.

Crusade without end

"You have to be credible to the people," Lemay said, when asked how he had managed to draw sponsors to keep his foundation growing, a feat that other welfare groups would envy.

"You have to meet them and give them regular reports about what you're doing," he said. "They have to know exactly where the money went. It's always important to keep in touch (with donors) and say thank you even for a small amount—because tomorrow it may be bigger."

Lemay estimated that Virlanie has helped some 7,000 street children and distressed minors since its founding.

Its 12 facilities currently shelter around 300 individuals, and run a wide range of services from education and medical treatment to psychological counseling, skills training and job placement.

He noted with alarm, however, that Metro Manila's street children were not only multiplying but were "getting younger and younger."

But Lemay doesn't see himself getting tired doing what appears to be a never-ending crusade to comfort the most vulnerable victims of poverty. "I can live my vision, and that vision is to share my life with others," he said.

"Not many people can do that."

Girl pleads with NPA to free pa after 3 years

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three civilians in Barangay Datal Blao in Columbio, Sultan Kudarat.

Rosemarie said she last heard from him a few weeks after his capture. The NPA rebels under one Dencio Madrigal then said they were ready to free Rosete and civilians Herminia Sorongon, Wilfredo Maldesen and Pepito Simbulan if the military and police would suspend operations in their area.

Since then, they have had to cope with no news, Rosemarie said.

She said she, her mother Aida and her elder sister Catherine had tried hard to live a normal life.

"But it was difficult for us," she said, adding that they had to move to Isabela from Mindanao last year "to get away from the pressure."

Loss of faith

Rosemarie said her mother, who had been fervently appealing to the government to work for her father's release, had "lost a little faith in the system."

"My mother says that the people who dedicate their lives to serving the government should also be given attention," she said, adding that her father had been with the Armed Forces since 1981.

When Rosemarie learned in August that the NPA in Camarines Sur had released Lt. Ronaldo Fidelino and Pfc. Ronnel Nemeño, who had been captured in a March gun battle, she decided to take matters into her own hands.

Taking advantage of the school break, the physical therapy student at the University of Lasalette traveled for eight hours from Isabela to Metro Manila early this month to seek help from the government and non-governmental organizations.

SERGEANT Rosete in NPA captivity in September 2001.

"I feel I owe it to him to work for his release," she said, saying her father had missed too many special occasions, like Catherine's college graduation.

Rosemarie said the experience of "losing" her father had affected her in ways she had never imagined.

No longer valedictorian

A consistent honor student in high school, she lost her standing as class valedictorian when her father was taken from them.

"My father once said he would gather all my medals and certificates and give all these to me on the school stage on my graduation day," she said, laughing quietly. "I guess everything went up in smoke the day he disappeared."

Rosemarie voiced an appeal to President Macapagal-Arroyo to suspend operations in the area where her father is being held to pave the way for his release.

"This will be the best birthday gift he will ever receive," she said.

In a letter sent on Sept. 10, the Rosete women begged Ms Arroyo to "take an active part in finding ways to release the head of our family at the soonest possible time."

"It is our utmost desire to be with him as soon as possible, or not later than Sept. 27, his birthday," they said. *With a report from Alcuin Papa*

Miriam …

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sor-Santiago called the flock of which she's an elected member.

"We are creating a political system of idiots with money," Santiago said in a speech during the College Assurance Plan's 5th annual President Diosdado Macapagal forum held here on Saturday.

Indigenous Asian values should be the basis of moral regeneration in government, the senator told her audience of 300 people.

However, some of her colleagues practically bought their seats in the Senate, she said, receiving P50 million to P100 million in campaign contributions "from criminal syndicates involved in smuggling, drug pushing and illegal gambling."

Santiago, however, did not name the politicians.

"The bulk of contributions came from criminal syndicates," she said, adding that these syndicates had bought virtual insurance policies.

Thanks to this fund-generating scheme, even those with "ordinary resumés" were able to make it to the Senate.

"Most of them are college dropouts and they're my colleagues because they bought their way to the Senate," she said.

The "idiots" in the Senate are able to speak during the sessions because they have hired people to write scripts for them.

"*Kaya yung mga hindi nag-aral na yan, na walang alam na yan, marami silang nasasabi kasi binibigyan sila ng* script *ng* staff *nila pero hindi nila naiintindihan yung binabasa nila* (These unschooled senators, who don't know anything, are able to express themselves during sessions because their staff give them scripts to read which they don't understand)," she said.

"That's the kind of Senate we have now. Those with money win," she said. "Even if you graduated summa cum laude from the University of the Philippines, even if you're a relative of Albert Einstein, you won't win a seat if you don't have money."

Since money seems to rule over credibility, integrity and good intentions, Santiago suggested foregoing elections and holding "public auctions for (elective) positions" instead.

During the open forum following her speech, the senator noted that because of the distorted values of politicians and ordinary Filipinos, the country needs a kind of leadership similar to Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew.

"Dictatorial instead of consensus-taking—that's what's necessary now," she said.

In the light of the prevailing fiscal crisis, somebody in the audience suggested suspending Congress for two years.

Santiago not only agreed, she took this one step further: "Congress should be abolished - permanently."

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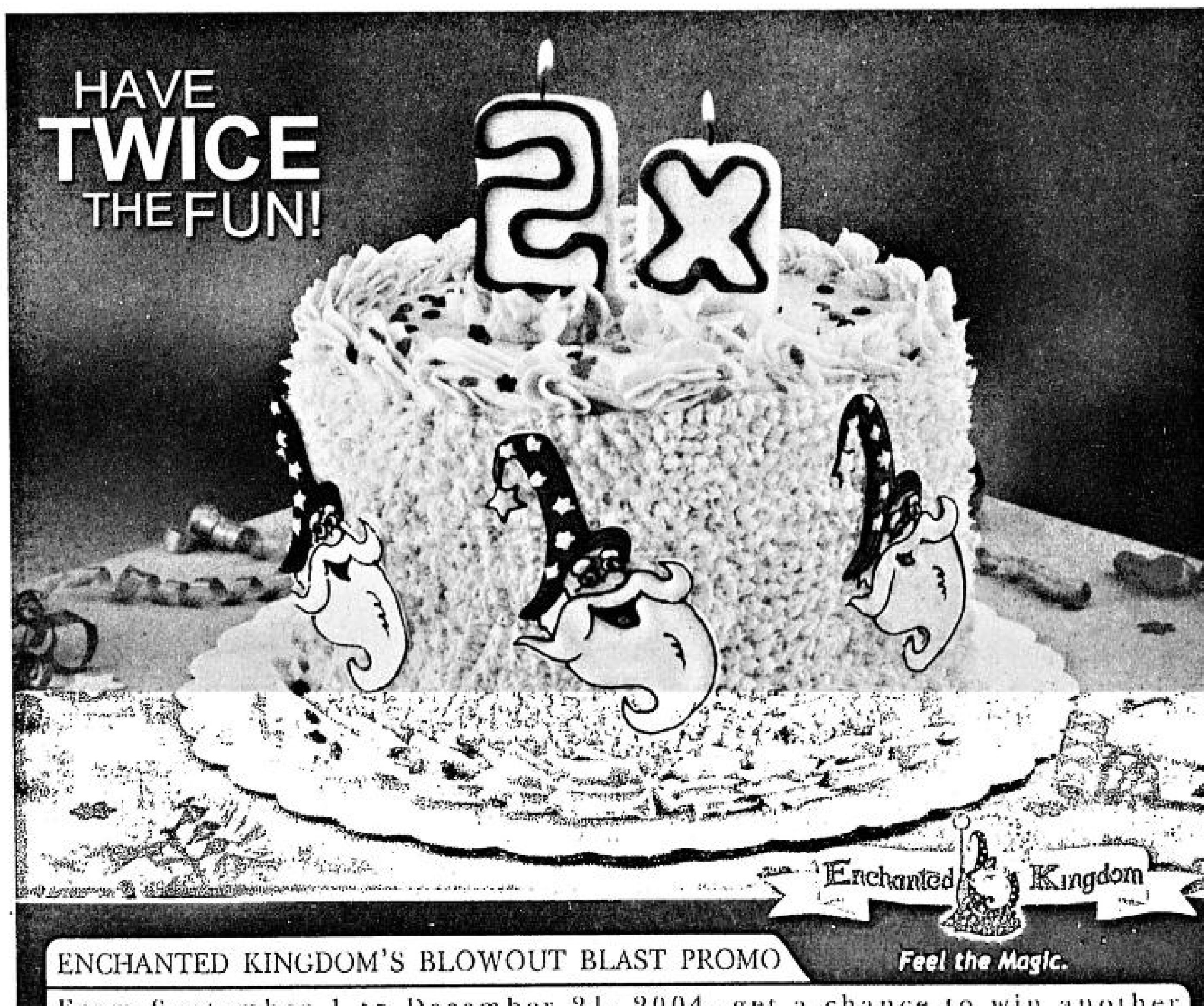

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No bail for slain boy's stepdad

By Leila B. Salaverria

JUSTICE for 3-year-old Clarence Racho, who was brutally murdered Tuesday last week, is now at hand.

Police arrested suspect Rene Cervantes on Thursday and filed murder charges against him before the Manila Prosecutor's Office.

A prosecutor recommended no bail for Cervantes, who allegedly stabbed the son of his live-in partner out of jealousy.

Cervantes, a pedicab driver, was arrested in Antipolo City after a manhunt that took police to the provinces, said Sr. Insp. Dominador Arevalo, homicide chief of the Western Police District.

According to Western Police District (WPD) SPO2 Athos de Quiros, Cervantes had a fight with Racho's mother, Marlyn, Tuesday.

De Quiros said the fight prompted Marlyn to walk out of the house and leave her son in the care of Cervantes.

Police had said that as Marlyn left, Cervantes was heard threatening her that if she did not return, he would do something that would make her cry.

A few hours later, Cervantes was seen also leaving the house.

Later, Marlyn's father, Mario, decided to check up on his grandson and found the 3-year-old lying on the floor covered with a blanket.

The boy had stab wounds all over his body.

De Quiros said WPD homicide investigators immediately went looking for Cervantes.

Initially, the team went to Las Piñas and Cavite to the homes of some of Cervantes' relatives.

Having just missed the suspect, the policemen went to Pangasinan, where the suspect's relatives confirmed that he had been there as well but had just left.

The team then returned to Manila.

Shortly upon their return, police received information that Cervantes had gone to Barangay San Jose, Antipolo. He was apprehended there by local policemen who later turned him over to WPD operatives.

Manila gov't sets controls on fast food waste disposal

By Tarra V. Quismundo

NOT SO fast with that trash bag.

As a step toward garbage segregation throughout the city, Manila's Department of Public Services (DPS) has begun implementing their "no segregation, no collection policy" among fast food chains in Manila.

"We want them to serve as models so that the rest, including other restaurants and households, would follow suit," said DPS chief Rafael Borromeo.

Since Sept. 8, the city has been collecting segregated garbage from more than 100 free-standing food chain outlets in Manila, mostly in the Ermita, Malate, Binondo and Quiapo areas. Soon, the DPS would be tackling fast food chains inside malls.

The program is part of the DPS' implementation of Republic Act 9003, a law that requires public and private offices, businesses, schools, restaurants and households to have separate bins for biodegradable and nonbiodegradable waste.

Biodegradable wastes are naturally decomposing matter like leftover food and paper. Nonbiodegradable wastes include plastic cups and styrofoam containers.

Under the new DPS scheme, fast food outlets are asked to segregated their trash or the DPS would not collect their garbage.

License revocation

The agency could even recommend that the city revoke the fast food chain's permit or have it closed down.

So far, more than 100 outlets of 10 fast food chains, including Wendy's, Shakey's, Max's, Pizza Hut, Tropical Hut, Chowking, Greenwich, McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Goldilocks Bakeshop outlets, have agreed to implement the policy.

Among them, Borromeo said, a 99 percent compliance has been posted. The DPS hopes to enjoin more fast food chains to participate in the program in the coming weeks until it gets the more than 200 fast food outlets in Manila to comply.

"If you look at it, it would be more work because you have to add trucks and trips. But it is in compliance with the law," said DPS operations division officer-in-charge Annie Farrales.

Before, said Borromeo, scavengers collected trash from fast food outlets, and took mostly leftover food and trash that can be sold. They then left trash bags of styrofoam and plastic cups on street corners and sidewalks.

To implement the program, the DPS nightly deploys 12 trucks from Leonel Waste Management to go in tandem around each of the city's six districts and collect trash from fast food outlets from 9 p.m. to midnight. One truck collects biodegradable waste, and the other collects nonbiodegradable trash.

The trucks transport an average of almost 62 tons of fast food waste everyday to the temporary dump in Tondo.

METRO BRIEFS

Police visibility works

INCREASED police presence in Parañaque resulted in a foiled holdup inside a passenger jeepney on Sampaguita Street, Barangay San Antonio, Friday afternoon. Suspects Dominic Restorio and Mario Escosa were caught in the act when they were spotted by patrolling policemen. Southern Police District chief Director Wilfrido Garcia said an encounter ensued when the suspects open fired. Garcia said Restorio was killed, while Escosa was wounded. Restorio, according to Garcia, was a subject of several warrants of arrest for robbery and holdup. The SPD chief added that the two suspects were also responsible for the holdup of Walter Tillo in Masville Subdivision also in Parañaque. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

Customs officer falls in NBI hands

FOR DEMANDING P2,000 from an importer, a Bureau of Customs inspector was arrested by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). Nabbed by agents of the NBI's Anti-Organized Crime Division was Reuben Angelo Aguilos, who is assigned to the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Services (CIIS). Arrested along with him was his friend Niño Florendo. Aguilos was accused of asking P2,000 "facilitation fee" from importer Vimin Varias, who was seeking the processing of papers and accreditation from the CIIS, AOCD chief Jose Justo Yap said in a report. The accreditation is a prerequisite for the importation of re-agents. Instead of giving into the demand of Aguilos, Varias sought the help of the NBI, which set up an entrapment operation. *Leila B. Salaverria*

Atienza tells WPD: Arrest TMG cops

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza ordered the Western Police District (WPD) yesterday to arrest members of the police Traffic Management Group (TMG) found operating in the city without the authority of their headquarters in Camp Crame and without coordinating with police in the locality. The mayor issued the order after receiving reports from motorists that certain TMG members had extorted money from them. Atienza said they had recorded several incidents of TMG officers in a patrol car accosting motorists, then threatening these of being brought to Crame. The policeman would then demand money in exchange for letting the motorists go. Atienza noted that the operation seemed to be concentrated along Roxas Boulevard, which is now frequented by people because of the Baywalk. The Office of the Mayor checked with the TMG headquarters and determined that it had not authorized any recent operations along the boulevard.

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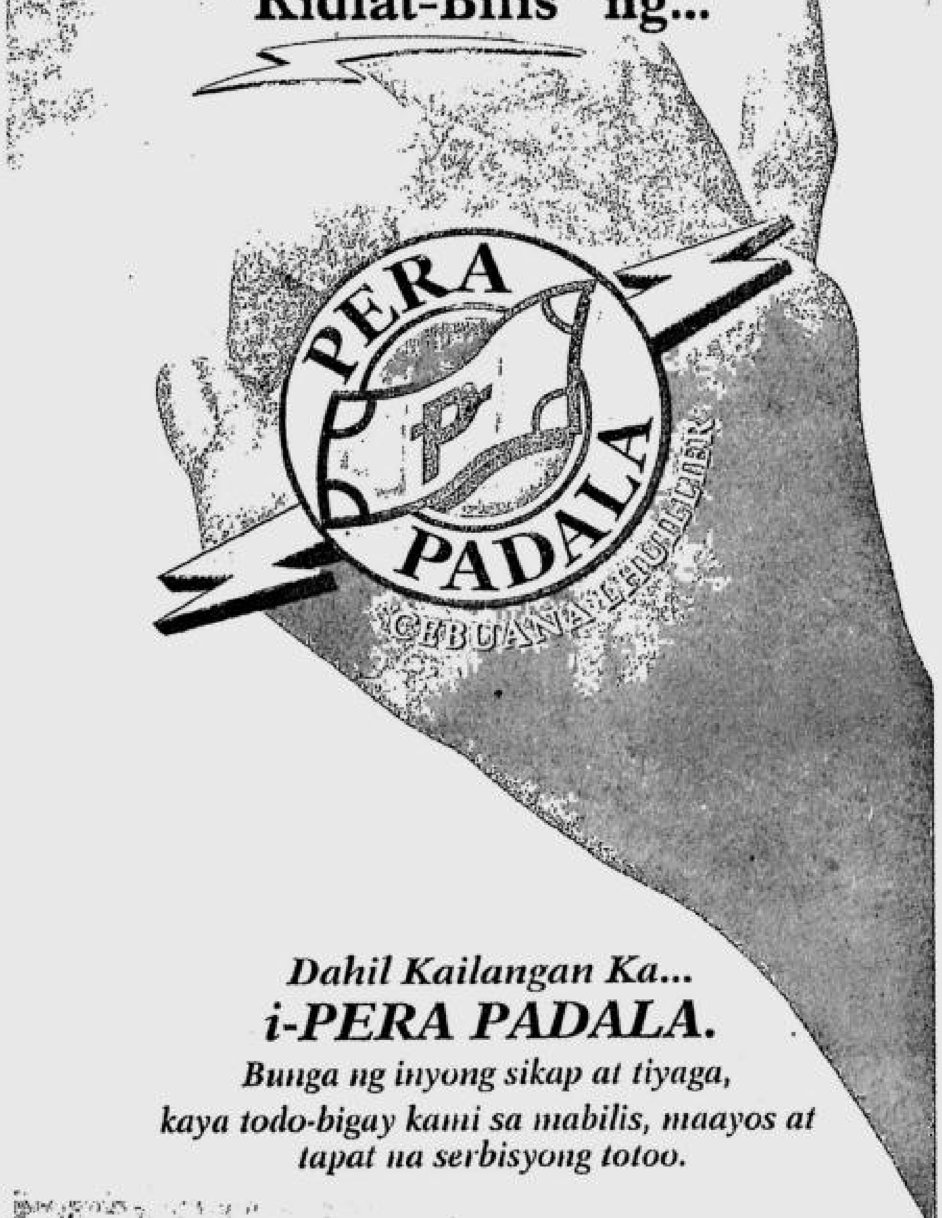

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18-010	Mabini St., Poblacion, San Carlos City	Two bldgs, total floor area 462 sqm., Land area 3,167 sqm.	8,281,000.00
57-002	Bo. Utap, Tacloban City	Vacant lot, land area 3,448 sqm.	7,720,000.00
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ARWIND Santos (left) and Mark Cardona are locked in a tight race for the MVP award. PDI PHOTO

Archers set sights on sweep of Tams

By Jasmine W. Payo

GAMES TODAY (*Araneta Coliseum*)
2 p.m.—Ateneo vs UST (Jrs-Game 2 Finals)
4 p.m.—FEU vs La Salle (Srs-Game 2 Finals)

IT HAS BEEN four years since the La Salle Archers swept the UAAP Finals series. A feat they completed against the Far Eastern Tamaraws.

The Archers want a repeat of that season when they gun for their seventh crown today against the Tamaraws in Game 2 of the senior basketball tournament at the Araneta Coliseum.

"I'm hoping (for a sweep). Our win is going to be nothing if we lose on Sunday. So might as well go for it," said coach Franz Pumaren, who steered the Archers in their title run from 1998-2001.

"But we don't underestimate FEU. Even if we won Game 1, with their experience, they are capable of coming back. There's no reason for us to celebrate or relax. We have a tough task ahead. For sure it's going to be war," added Pumaren.

It's certainly an accurate expectation now that the defending champions face a do-or-die predicament. "They have the momentum but I have my veterans saying that it will be a different FEU Tamaraws on Sunday. For me, that's confidence and they mean business," said coach Koy Banal.

Game time is at 4 p.m., right after the Ateneo Eaglets battle the University of Sto. Tomas Tiger Cubs in Game 2 of the junior Finals. Defending champion Ateneo aims for a sweep after thwarting UST, 61-51, in Game 1 last Thursday.

The league's top individual performers will also be honored today.

While FEU's Arwind Santos is reportedly favored to win the Most Valuable Player Award, Mac Cardona showed he's a better leader in La Salle's 58-51 Game 1 victory last Thursday.

The Tamaraws were then favored to win but Ryan Araña also proved to be the surprise performer for a game-high 16 points. The sophomore guard almost got suspended today after picking up his third unsportsmanlike foul.

He got a reprieve after the UAAP technical committee reviewed the game and noted that it was a proper call but Araña had "no intention to harm" FEU's Dennis Miranda.

It was good news for the Archers, who also have history in their favor. Since 1994, seven out of the 10 teams which won Game 1 in the best-of-three Finals went on to win the championship. Five of those seven swept the series.

Santos and Cardona: Deserving MVP either way

By Francis Ochoa

YEARS from now, people will talk about the way this season's UAAP MVP award was so closely contested and remember the person who eventually walked away with the plum. But on the eve of the coronation, there are actually two players—Far Eastern U's Arwind Santos and La Salle's Mark Cardona—bred from different backgrounds who will mark this day as a defining moment in their lives.

It is a moment they retraced to last year, when they went neck and neck for the MVP trophy only to lose the hardware to University of the East gunner James Yap. The incident was particularly crushing for Cardona, the once-cocky, perpetually scowling Archer hotshot who topped the statistical race only to find himself excluded from even the mythical five selection.

"*Bumaba talaga yung* morale *ko*, *lalo na kasi* confident *talaga ako* last year," said the 6-foot-1 swingman, who owns the most awkward-looking but effective baby hooks in the local basketball scene.

This year, there will be no left-field winners for the award. Everything boils down to Santos and Cardona. Two players shaped by basketball courts from different halves of the globe and tossed together into an arena that will, for a day, become the capital of varsity hoops in the country.

Santos has the inside track on the award. Reports leaking out of the UAAP board room have the Pampanga cager winning the trophy, despite a campaign headed for doom after a carelessly blurted statement that offended members of the sports media.

"*Alam ko naman mali ang sinabi ko*. (I know what I said was wrong)," said the 6-foot-4 Santos, who was overheard saying he didn't need help from the press to win the MVP award. "*Pero nasanay ako na lahat ng nakukuha ko, pinaghirapan ko. 'Yun lang naman ang ibig kong sabihin* (I just got used to the fact that I worked hard for everything I earned. That's the only thing I meant)."

Indeed, it is hard to fault Santos. When his father died three years ago, he found himself reluctantly thrust into the role of breadwinner for his family. His 42-year-old mother was a housewife with little means to support a brood of four. And against that backdrop, a lean, mean basketball machine bloomed to life and now stands at the threshold of a lucrative professional career.

Cardona is the decided underdog in this heated contest. While all Santos has to do is pick his spots in a roster dotted with talented players, the La Salle main man has had to claw, battle, dive and do practically everything to lead the young

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Lim, Eala join hands to snare ABC hosting

By June Navarro

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THE BASKETBALL Association of the Philippines and the Philippine Basketball Association will pool their resources to secure the hosting of the 2007 ABC championships.

This came about following the meeting between BAP secretary general Graham Lim and PBA commissioner Noli Eala the other day.

"Our common interest is to earn a spot in the Olympic Games through the ABC qualifying tournament," said Lim, who promised to sound off ABC officials on the country's hosting intention within the week.

The top two teams in the ABC automatically gain slots either in the World Championships or the Olympic Games. The 2007 ABC has two spots reserved for Asian countries to the 2008 Beijing Olympiad.

"This is probably the best opportunity for the country to play again in the Olympics. We should try and look for ways to bring Philippine basketball back in the world map," said Eala.

The PBA will draft a proposal on the long-term objectives of its partnership with the BAP, which will be presented when Eala and Lim meet again anytime this week.

"As much as possible we want to have a long and lasting relationship with the PBA. If we join hands together, it will not only benefit the national team but the whole country as well," Lim told the INQUIRER.

The BAP and the PBA could begin their partnership in the 2005 edition of the ABC in Qatar, which offers two seats in the 2006 World Championships in Saitama, Japan.

Lim said the ABC, which is usually held during the months of July-September, fits into the schedule of the PBA after the pro league altered its schedule to a fiscal year (October-June) starting this season.

Lim, however, suggested that only five or six PBA players should play in the Asian Games so as not to impede the operations of the pro league while the PBA season is ongoing.

The BAP had entered into a deal with Cebuana Lhuillier to form a national team up to 2006 since the new calendar of the PBA will clash with the schedule of the 2006 Asiad in Doha, Qatar.

"It's about time we bring back the ABC to the country. With the PBA, we can form a strong team and make it happen," said Lim.

The country last hosted the men's ABC in 1973, a year after the RP dribblers made their last Olympic appearance in Munich.

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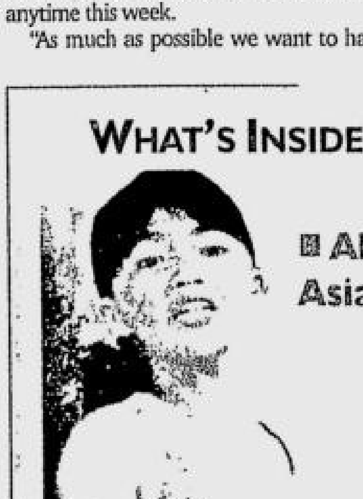

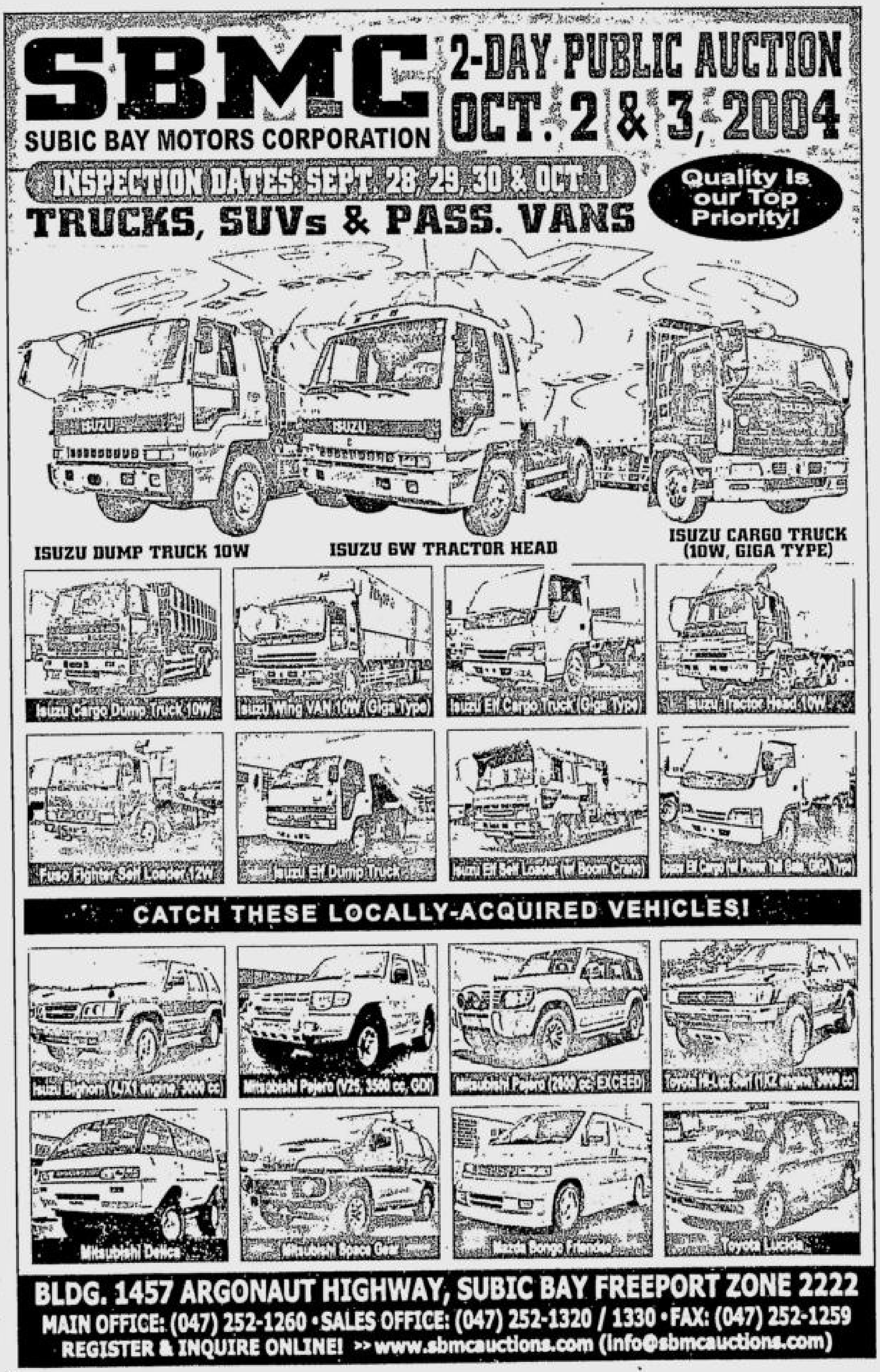

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Spring Cooking Oil stays in contention

SPRING Cooking Oil-Laguna blasted Brunei's national team, 138-81, Friday to keep alive its hopes of making the semifinals in the 4th Shell Invitational basketball tournament at the indoor stadium in Berakas, Brunei.

Six-foot-six guard Keith Friel scattered 34 points, including nine of 13 from the 3-point arc, to spark the Cooking Oil Masters of Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro to their first win in four games.

"The boys poured it on from the start. They're determined to make it to the next round," said delegation head and NBC (National Basketball Conference) secretary general Tito Palma.

Spring-Laguna has a tough schedule ahead, though. It has to hurdle Korea's Hankook Raiders and Purefoods in its last two games to stay in contention.

The Cooking Oil Masters surged to a commanding 71-38 lead at halftime and never looked back.

Rodel Manuel, Ernani Epondulan and Mar Reyes ably supported Friel with 18, 15 and 14 points, respectively. Ex-pro Christian Nicdao also sparkled with six points and 15 rebounds.

Carlo Espiritu led Brunei with 20 points while Edmond Tan added 16.

Red Bull Barako and the Koreans pace the tourney with four straight victories. Chinese Taipei's You Lon Twisters have a 3-1 card, followed by the Shanghai Sharks (2-2), Spring (1-3), Purefoods (0-4) and Brunei (0-5).

Spring-Laguna dropped a heart-breaking 80-83 decision to the Shanghai Sharks Thursday after leading by eight going into the final quarter.

Cardinals try to turn NBC fortune around

TODAY'S GAME
(*Lipa Cultural and Convention Center*)
6 p.m.—Baguio vs Batangas

LIPA CITY—The Baguio Cardinals try to turn their fortune around starting today when they play the Batangas 29ers in a North division playoff match in the NBC (National Basketball Conference) national championship at the Cultural & Convention Center here.

The Cardinals, who lost main man Joel Bona due to injury and Ryan Ancheta, who died in a stabbing incident in Baguio, need to win twice to earn a shot at NBC's Forward Taguig, the No. 2 team in the North group.

The Cardinals of UB president Des Bautista and the 29ers of Malvar Mayor Tita Reyes, Rep. Oscar Gozos and businessman Bernie Maranan clash at 6 p.m. If the Cards pull through, they meet anew at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

The Cardinals had beaten the 29ers twice in the eliminations of the tourney sponsored by Panasonic, Spring Cooking Oil, PCSO, Sulpicio Lines, Nature's Spring Mineral Water, Cebu Ferries, Air Philippines, Supercat, Skygo Motorcycles, Accel and Molten.

But coach Yong Garcia's 29ers are determined to finish off the Cards today despite missing two of his key players—Jay Lapinid, who is injured, and Jayson Cuevas, who left for the United States.

In their absence, Garcia will bank on Sonny Manucat, explosive scorer Lito Saygo and Harold Sta. Cruz.

"They're big but we're not afraid," said Baguio mentor Nap Garcia.

Garcia is pinning his hopes on Melvin Fontanilla, Edbert Ton, Jun Balares and ex-PCU Dolphin Joseph Roque.

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Ma. Theresa de la Rosa of the Philippine Air Force spikes the ball against Michelle Laborte of the Philippine Navy during the third leg of the Petron Ladies Beach Volleyball at the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority sandcourts. The tandem of Laborte and Cecile Tabuena won.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Hawks cap perfect run with crown

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FOUR straight titles. Seventy four straight wins. One perfect team.

University of Manila deftly strung up those numbers to weave collegiate basketball history yesterday, demolishing Centro Escolar University with one finishing kick, 59-48, in Game 2 of their National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities championships series at the Cuneta Astrodome.

This season's MVP Jovit Gomez scored seven of his game-high 27 points in the fourth quarter, most of them in a dizzying 10-0 blast that finally took the sting out of the Scorpions and gave the Hawks the 19-game sweep for this year's crown.

Tolentino also installed himself to glory by coaching UM to the Naascu title three days after leading Philippine Christian University to its first ever NCAA championships.

"I can't describe how I feel right now," said Tolentino, who also helped UM win three intercollegiate titles through the years. "It looked like I can't do anything wrong. This is a perfect season for me and my teams."

That particularly held true for the Hawks who never lost a game in 74 outings they had since the league started in 2001, which is in itself an unprecedented feat in college basketball.

"We didn't have any special formula, we just try to develop a complete team from the limited resources that we have," said UM president and owner Ernesto delos Santos.

In the first game, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasay salvaged third place after beating host St. Clare College of Caloocan, 63-62.

Naascu president Dr. Ernest Jay Adalem of SCC awarded Gomez the MVP trophy. Others in the mythical five are Ryan Regalado of UM, June Macasaet of CEU, Raymond Deveraturda of SCC and Roel Asay of PLP.

Macasaet was named Rookie of the Year, Gener Bernados King of the Boards (11.31 per game) and Marlon Nograda King of Assists (5.12 per game)

The Scores:

Second game

UM 59—Gomez 27, Regalado 11, Santiago 9, Vidanes 5, Bernados 4, Delostrinos 2, Salem 1, Uao 0, Litonjua 0.

CEU 48—Macasaet 10, Cordero 9, Carillo 8, Cristobal 6, J. Romulo 5, Manajero 1, F. Romulo 2, Gatdula 2, Salamat 2.

Quarters: 18-12, 38-28, 46-40, 59-48.

Lapid to give OPBF championship belt

SEN. Lito Lapid will award the championship belt to the winner of the Oct. 23 OPBF showdown between reigning titlist Randy Suico and Ibrahim Aroby at the Lapu-Lapu Sports Complex.

This was revealed yesterday by promoter Rex "Wakee" Salud, who witnessed the "WBF Showdown" card held last night at the Elorde Ballroom in Sucat, Parañaque.

"It's all systems go. Senator Lapid will be coming to join Cebuanos in that big sporting event," said Salud, who'll be attending the WBC conventions in Thailand (Oct. 3-9) and Ukraine (Oct 12-17).

Salud said Cebu Vice Gov. Greg Sanchez will do the honors of awarding the championship trophy to the winner of the Suico-Aroby rumble.

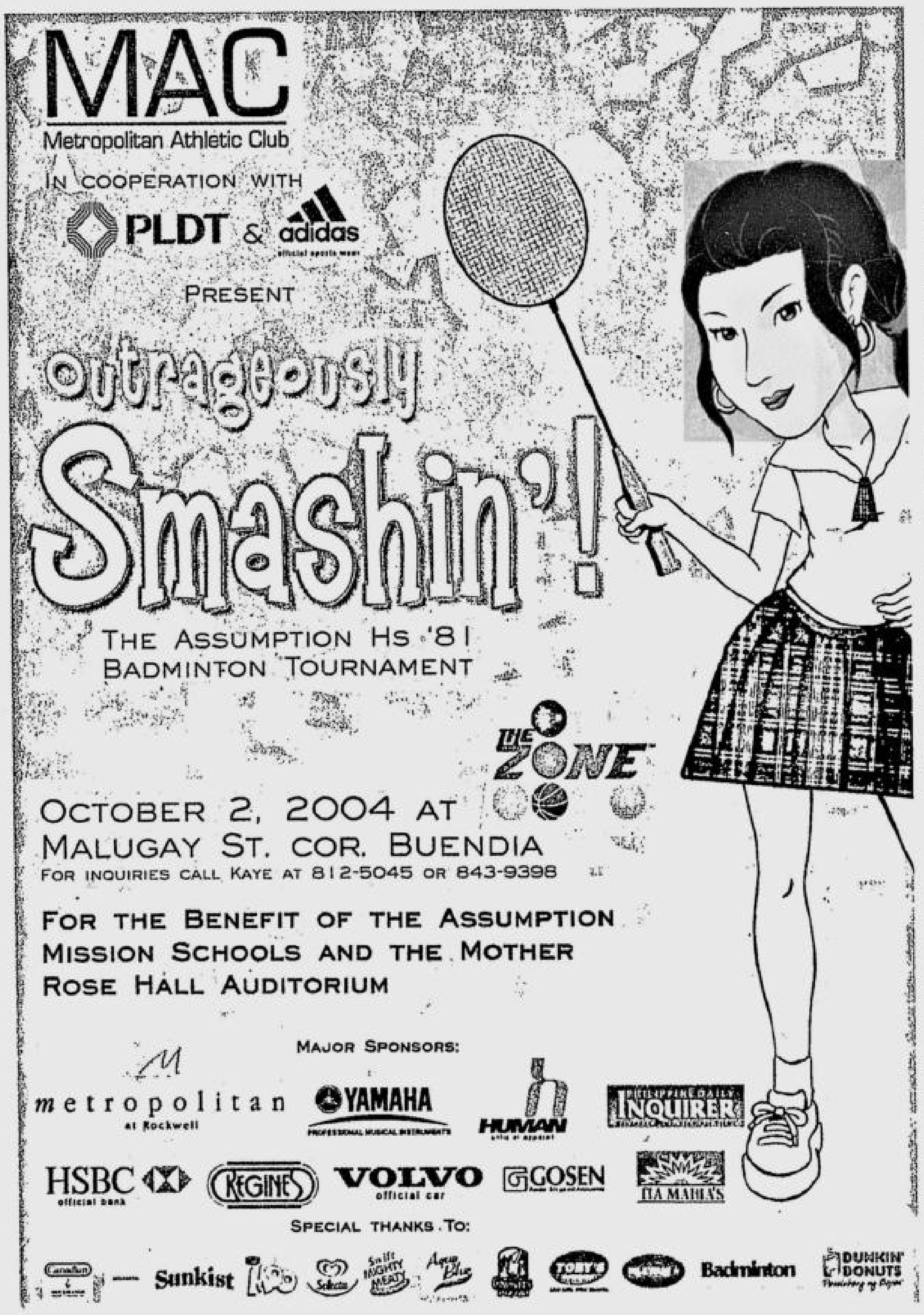
Dubbed "The Unfinished Business," the card features Suico's first fight since absorbing a controversial split decision loss at the hands of South Africa's Mzonke Fana in a WBC eliminator last May 28 in South Africa. Suico sent Fana to the canvas twice and almost put him away in the last round.

Suico carries an impressive 21-win, 1-loss, 18 KOs record and remains the WBC's No. 2 contender, as mandated by WBC president Jose Sulaiman, despite that loss.

The main supporting bout features RP No. 3 junior lightweight Dexter Delada against a soon-to-be-named foe.

Also seeing action is Rolando Gerungco, who will take on Bukidnon's Jake Verano, and Gilbert De la Torre, who'll be battling Ricardo Albia.

Salven Lagumbay, Contributor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GDAP to confer Rosales an achievement award

IN RECOGNITION of her outstanding exploits in the LPGA Tour, Jenny Rosales will be presented with a special achievement award by the Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) when it stages the annual Philippine International Golf Show at the SM Megatrade Hall next week.

ROSALES

Rosales, now among the top stars of the LPGA since winning her first title in the Chick-Fil-A tournament last April, has been invited to receive her award if her tight schedule in the LPGA permits, according to GDAP president Gerald Raymundo.

The awards ceremony will highlight the opening of the three-day Golf Show on Friday, Oct. 8. Three jungolf aces who won titles in the United States recently—JR Gonzales, Miguel Tabuena and Dottie Ardina—will also be honored as Personalities of the Year.

Raymundo said they are also exploring the possibility of putting on display at the exhibit hall the trophy won by Rosales.

Exhibit chair Lovell Gopez, meanwhile, said that everything is set for the Show sponsored by Casino Filipino, Nivea and Premier Wine with at least a hundred booths showcasing the latest in equipment and apparel in golf-related businesses.

Vantage Systems is the official registration provider with the Philippine Turfgrass Association as cooperator.

Meanwhile, an invitational tourney ushers in the Golf Show tomorrow at the Manila Golf Club. Tee-off is 6:30 a.m. Taylor Made, Nike, Callaway, Mizuno and Wilson are hole-in-one sponsors.

Amateur Tour golfest resumes at Malarayat

AFTER a two-leg swing down south, the course-hopping Samsung Amateur Tour eliminations returns to Luzon tomorrow with the fifth leg at the well-maintained Mt. Malarayat Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas.

The maximum 144-player field was breached early and organizers are now looking at a final roster of at least 160 players for the tourney serving as fifth leg of the nationwide elims culminating in the grand finals in January next year.

The 72-hole championship division battle kicks off hostilities with a mixture of low-handicappers from Canlubang, Royal Northwoods and host Mt. Malarayat entered.

Samsung Electronics Phils. is the chief backer of the event. The other sponsors are Tokyo Tokyo, Gatorade, Philippine Airlines, adidas Taylor Made, KZG by Custom Clubmakers, Pink Patio Boracay, Coppertone Sport, and Rogin-E. Killer-Bee, Jam 88.3, Wave 89.1, Magic 89.9, 99.5 RT and 103.5 K-Lite are media partners.

They will all try to join early qualifiers Raymund Sangil (Sta. Elena), Kim Chang Hoi (Southwoods), Juvic Pagunsan (Pueblo de Oro) and Jay Bayron (Apo) who topped the first four stops.

On the last two days of the event, the 36-hole competitions in the men's and ladies division will be held side-by-side with the last two rounds of the championship class.

A Samsung television and a DVD player plus trophies are at stake for the top two finishers in each division including men's Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D and ladies Class A, Class B and Class C.

Appliances will also be raffled off during the awarding ceremony on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the organizing Professional Sports Management Group announced yesterday that the Baguio leg has been moved to Oct. 19-22 from its original schedule of Oct. 12-15.

For inquiries, call the PSMG office at 635-0010.

Juvenile Series 2nd leg today at San Lazaro

Esguerra bets favored to post another sweep

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

TWO weeks ago, Hermie Esguerra's horses flexed their might by sweeping the major races at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

That prospect looks bright again today as Esguerra fields in seven of his most promising newcomers in the second leg of the 2004 Juvenile Championship series at the same track in Carmona, Cavite.

Highly fancied Real Spicy, denied a win in the opening leg, goes for a sweet rebound as he teams up with War Alert as coupled bets in the Juvenile Colts, with Presidentiable completing a solid three-pronged Esguerra attack.

Equally looking formidable is the 1-2 punch of Lamborghini and One Vision in the Juvenile Fillies where the opposition, experts say, could come from no less than two other Esguerra bets—Eye Candy and Ocean Deep.

Real Spicy was beaten in wire-to-wire style by Speed Majesty in the first leg but the latter's absence today due to injury will send the son of 1998 US Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner Real Quiet away as the heavy favorite alongside War Alert.

Lamborghini, on the other hand, shoots for a second straight win in the Fillies, having won the first stage in impressive flag-pole-to-finish fashion.

Champion jockey Pat Dilema is guiding Real Spicy, while talented apprentice Ronald Baldonido is steering War Alert. Both Dilema and Baldonido are also skippering Lamborghini and One Vision, respectively.

Dilema keyed a three-race sweep by Esguerra gallopers last Sept. 12 as he partnered Real Slew (Imports Series 5th leg) and Real Tough (National Defense College Cup) to victories, while Baldonido scored through One Vision (Pre-Juvenile).

"*Gagawin kong lahat para manalo uli* (I'll' do my best to win again)," said Dilema, a three-time PSA Jockey of the Year who is now back as the HSE Stable's top rider.

Chairman Jimmy Dilag of the sponsoring Philracom said winners of the Juvenile Colts and Juvenile Fillies, both to be disputed over 1,500 meters, will get P600,000, with second placers receiving P225,000 and third placers P125,000.

Completing the Juvenile Colts cast are Montezuma, Money for Rap and Best of Circle, while rounding out the Juvenile Fillies field are Speedster, In Command, With Valor and Victoria Peak.

Veteran Elpidio Aguila will ride Presidentiable in the Colts and Ocean Deep in the Fillies, with Jesse Guce mounting Eye Candy, also in the Fillies.

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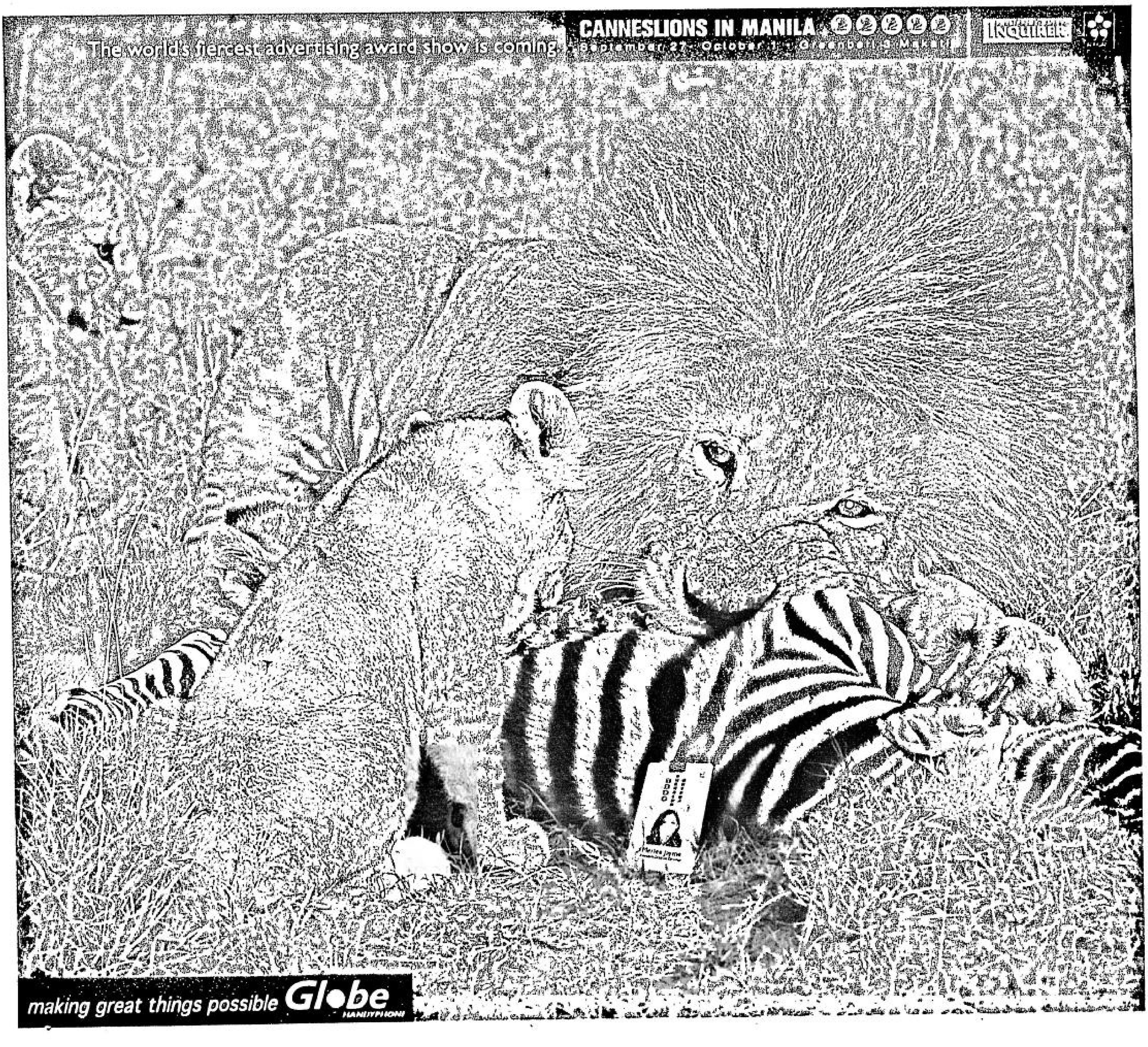
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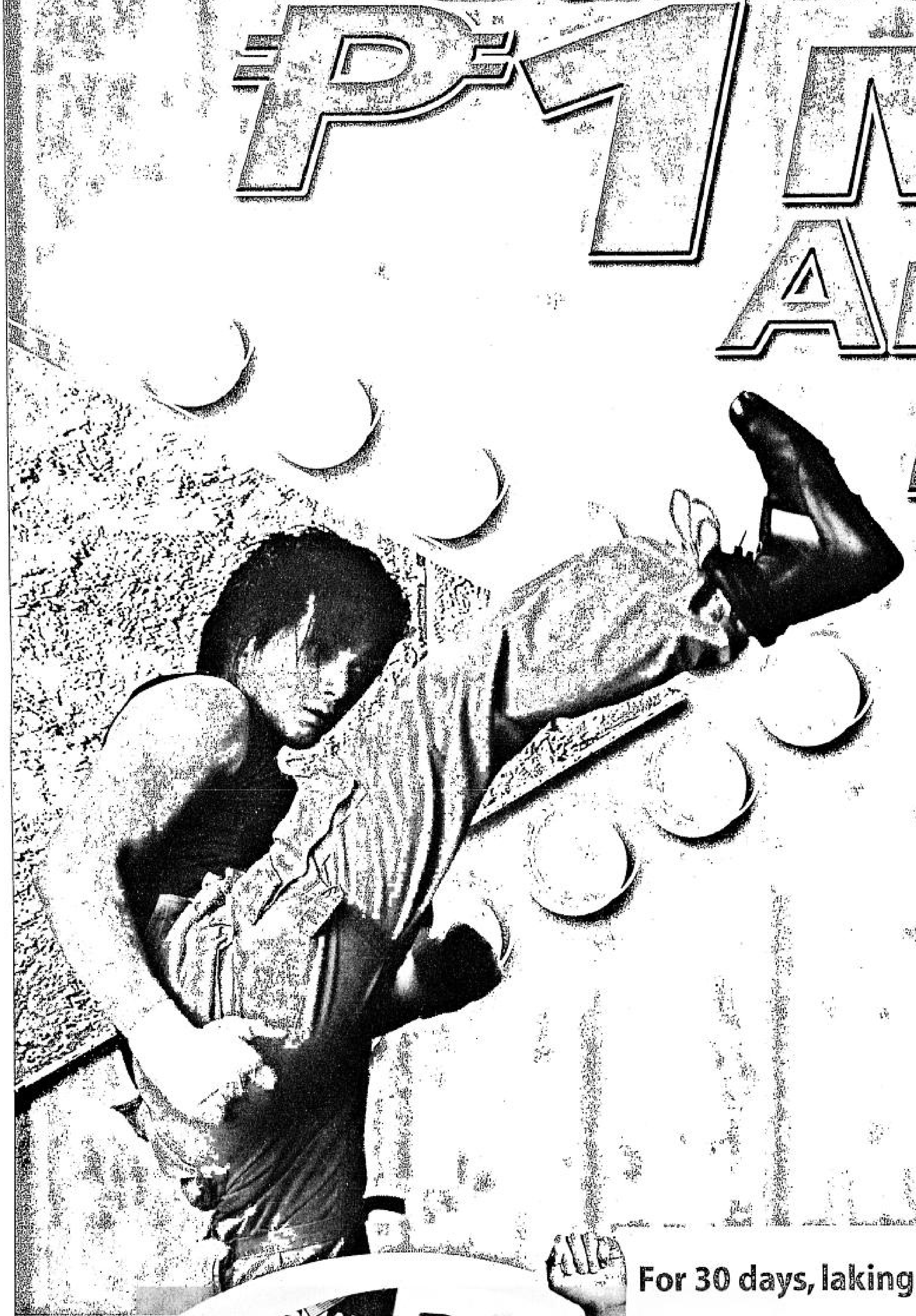

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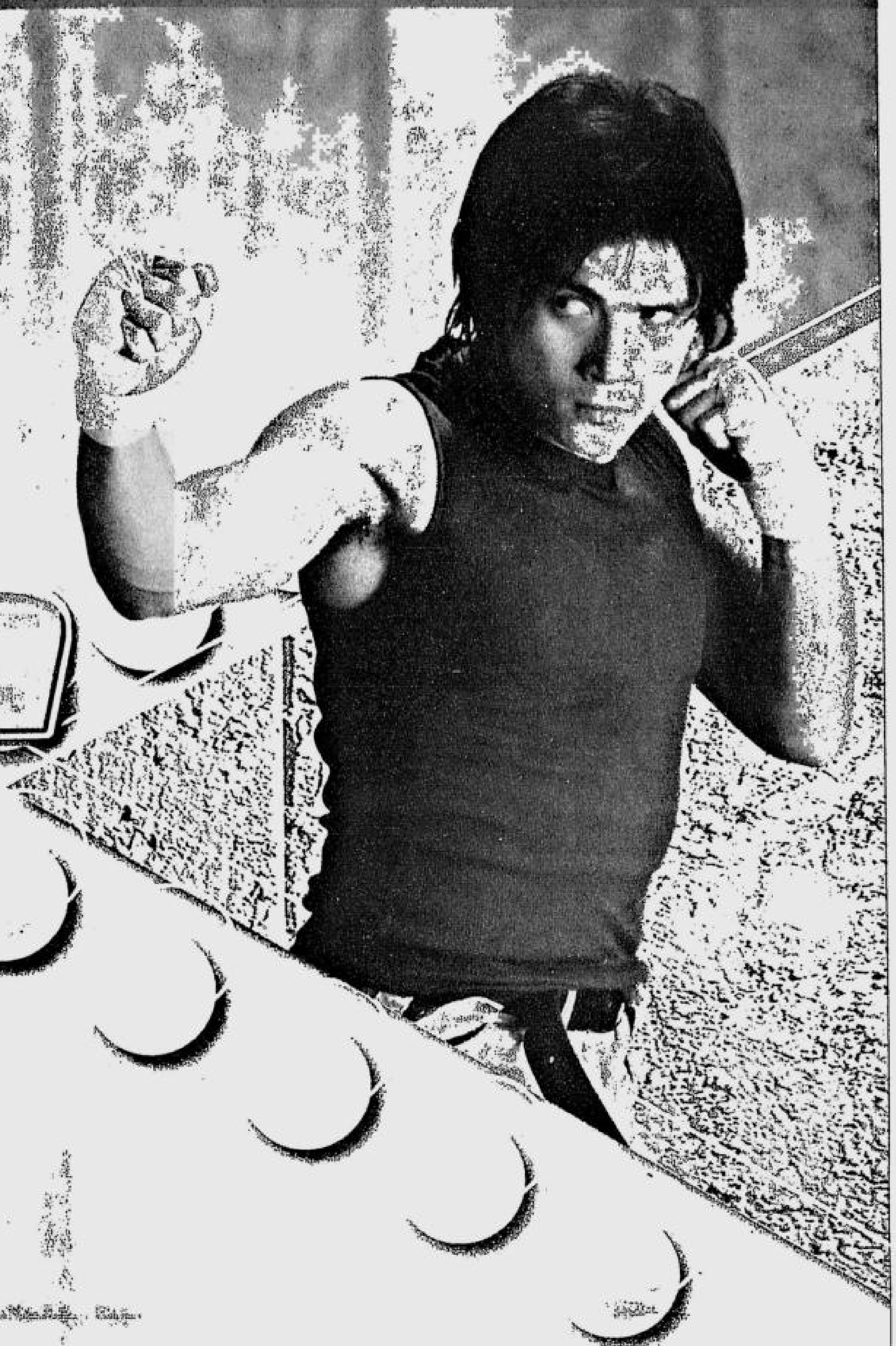

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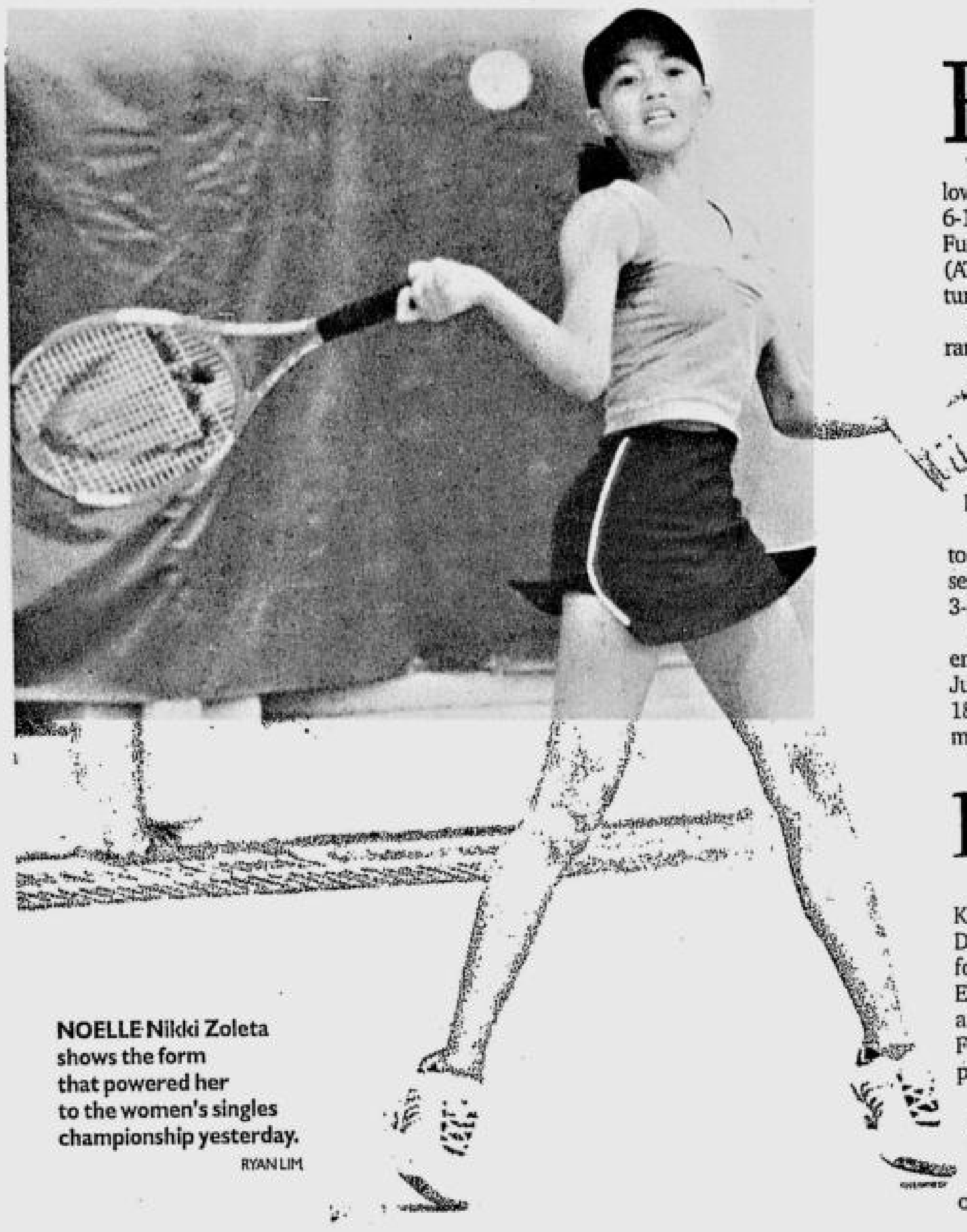
Alcantara, Largo rule Asian 14-under tennis



NOELLE Nikki Zoleta shows the form that powered her to the women's singles championship yesterday. RYAN LIM

FRANCIS Casey Alcantara completed his march to fame and glory yesterday.

The Malaybalay, Bukidnon, find outclassed fellow unseeded John Franc Gil Largo of Cebu City, 6-1, 6-3, and captured the boys' singles title in the Futures Foundation-Asian Tennis Foundation (ATF) 14-Under Series at the Ynares Socio-Cultural Sports Center in Pasig City.

Alcantara's feat was matched by another unranked player, Noelle Nikki Zoleta of Lucena City.

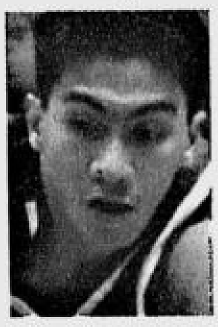
The 12-year-old Zoleta bested third seed Jessica Marie Agra, 6-3, 6-2, in their own final.

Zoleta then teamed up with Christine Anne Patrimonio to stun second seeds Thirumalak Neesha and Vythinatha Chellapriya of Malaysia, 6-4, 6-2, for the doubles crown.

Top seeds Pablo Olivarez II and El Santo Santos bagged the boys' doubles title over second seeds Min Thar Pho and Bo Zin of Myanmar, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile, the qualifying for the second Enervon Tablet-Futures Foundation International Juniors Championships, a tournament for players 18-years and under, will be held today and tomorrow. The main draw will start on Monday.

RP Young Men's vying in Iran tilt



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THE PHILIPPINE National Young Men's basketball team will compete in the 4th Fiba Asia Championship for Young Men slated in Teheran, Islamic Republic of Iran, from Sept. 29 to Oct. 8.

National mentor Joe Lipa will be assisted at the bench by Horacio Lim of Mapua Institute of Technology, Nemie Villegas, Ricky Dandan, Romualdo Dacer, Alfredo Amador and Jose Silva.

The team will leave on Tuesday with delegation head Graham C. Lim, secretary general of the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

Members of the team are Jonathan Rogel N. Uichico, Mark Anthony Z. Escalona, Ken Jospeh C. Barracoso, Lew Alfred Tenorio from Ateneo University; Jerby del Rosario and Kevin Charles de la Peña from Mapua; Rey Francis Guevarra from Letran College; Edwin Asoro and Jonathan Fernandez from the National University; Paul T. Chua from De La Salle University; Jonathan Canceran from Cebu City and Regin Ranises from Davao province.

The team is being supported by Petron, Red Bull, Federal Express, San Miguel Corp., Purefoods, Coca-Cola, PBA Board of Governors, ICTSI, Piko Gonzales, Accel outfitters, RFM Corp., Club-650, Arthur Dy and Christian Tan.

The Philippines is bracketed in Group C with China, Jordan and Malaysia.

In Group A are Qatar, Kuwait, Islamic Republic of Iran and Hong Kong-China while in Group B are South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kazakhstan and Lebanon.

Japan is in Group D with India, Chinese Taipei and Iraq.

Dacera, Pondoc deliver for RP

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia—Nikita Dacera and Albert Pondoc sparkled for the Philippines in the 4th BIMP-EAGA (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines-East Growth Area) Friendship at the Kota Sports Complex here.

The 13-year-old Dacera won the gold in both the men's 200- and 400-meter freestyle event to make up for the loss of his teammates at the hands of the Malaysian swimmers, led by Sarawak with 16 golds.

Pondoc also bagged two gold medals in the 100- and 200-m backstroke.

Tracksters Sharon Ruleda, Eduardo Pascua, Roy Ocon and Hubert King Adobo topped their respective events and hiked the country's gold medal haul to nine, good for third place overall.

The Filipinos also accounted for 10 silver and 11 bronzes in the four-nation meet.

Ruleda, 19, from the University of Mindanao in Davao del Sur clinched the gold in women's javelin with a heave of 33.65 meters, while Pascua, a 19-year-old Physical Education major at the Holy Cross Davao College, cleared 11.62 m for the gold in men's shot put.

Earlier, Ocon checked in at 4:00.00 to clinch the gold in the 1,500-m run while King, another product of the University of Mindanao, won the long jump behind a 6.99-m effort.

UE bets notch easy Del Monte victories

UNIVERSITY of the East bets Heidenberg Dimarucut and Rodil Sertan notched easy victories yesterday to reach the men's singles round-of-16 in the Del Monte 202 Cup First Philippine Collegiate Badminton Open at The Zone in Malugay, Makati.

Dimarucut demolished TIP's Margil de Asas, 15-1, 15-1, to advance against FEU's Jimson Dionisio, a 15-6, 15-3 winner over Zefanio Membrere.

Sertan, on the other hand, scored a 15-2, 15-1 victory over PSBA's Frederick Importado to advance against NEUST's Ronald Arma, who beat Lyceum's Alexie Gonzalo, 15-3, 15-1.

Other winners were UST's Reynaldo Selga, Adamson's Ronald Magallanes, Ramil Magallanes and Darwin de Roxas, La Salle's Rodel Dawan and Rhaul Angeles, NEUST's Alfredo Angeles and Raymond Vega, FEU's Wilson Frias, Perpetual's Hendra Tan, TUP's Marlon Escueta and TIP's Edison Serrano.

In the ladies singles, UP's Ronielle Kagalingan downed St. Scholastica's Jennylyn Vicencio, 11-6, 11-8, and Lyceum's Mary Saavedra clobbered TIP's Rachelle Villareal, 11-2, 11-2, to earn second-round berths.

Also advancing were UST's Kathleen Anasco and Rose Ann dela Cruz, La Salle's Michelle Guerrero and Therine Chan, FEU's Mary Ann Sebastian and Criselda Sarabia, UE's Jane de Jesus, UP's Liza Sormillo, Sacred Heart's Jolywin Rodil and Kathlyn Glindro, Sienna's Julie Anne Zuniga, JRU's Gennesis dela Cruz and WCC's Adeline Pardo.

In the men's doubles, FEU's Jimson Dionisio and Wilmer Frias outplayed La Salle's Matthew Romualdez and Ricky Cajefe, 15-9, 15-7, and UE's RJ Cruz and Edison Cupcupin downed UP's Allan Carl Cardenas and Martin Paul Castrodes, 15-7, 15-12, to enter the quarterfinals.

Other winners were La Salle's Rhaul Angeles and Michael Padibar, TIP's Marlon Dalisay and Edison Serrano, UP's Marvin Cumbre and Poppert Bernadas, Adamson's Darwin Roxas and Darius Bueno, FEU's Jayser Frias and Recson Salvaleon and NEUST's Rabdy Felipe and Raymond Vega.

Quarterfinalists in the ladies' doubles were UST's Kathleen Anasco and Lyka Leonor, UP's Sarah and Sheryl Caraig, UE's Rusell Tatel and Karen Escalona, and Carroll Capiral and Hazel Ann Andres, Sacred Heart's Jolywin Rodil and Kathleen Glindro, FEU's Criselda Sarabia and Ma. Theresa Sebastian, La Salle's Therine and Paula Chan, and St. Scholastica's Jennelyn Vicencio and Mary Ann Catalan.

Sacrifice gives Laylo win, solo top spot

Standings

Men's after Round 11: NM Laylo 8.0; IM Gonzales, IM Garma 7.5; NM Barbosa, NM Senador 7.0; FM Doguines 6.5; IM Roca 6.0; IM Nadera, NM Nolte 5.5; IM Dableo, NM Diaz, So 4.5; FM Sales, NM Carlos 4.0; NM Maga 3.0; NM Perez, Fazon 1.5

Women's after Round 6: WFM Lomibao 5.0; WNM Salvador 4.5; WIM Mendoza 4.0; WNM Castellano, WNM Abanes, Rivera 3.5; Culzon 3.0; WIM Mariano, WNM Cruz, Camacho 2.5; WNM Alvarez 1.0; Castro 0.5

TAGAYTAY CITY—National Master Darwin Laylo gave up a pawn for tempo and space on his way to a 56-move win over NM Rolando Nolte yesterday in the 11th round of the National Chess Championships at the Tagaytay International Convention Center here.

The gambit allowed Laylo, a former National Juniors champion, to put Nolte on the defensive in their Center-Counter game and maintain his half-point lead over his pursuers heading into the last six rounds.

The top three finishers in the event sponsored by Tagaytay City Mayor Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino and the First Gentleman Foundation will join Grandmasters Eugene Torre, Joey Antonio and Mark Paragua in the RP men's team bound for next month's Chess Olympiad in Majorca, Spain.

Chasing Laylo were International Masters Jayson Gonzales and Chito Garma, who beat separate 11th round rivals.

Gonzales took the scalp of 10-year-old Wesley So in 42 moves of King's Indian Defense while Garma beat NM Roland Joseph Perez after 59 moves of a French Defense.

In the 10th round Friday night, Gonzales blew two chances to extract the full point in his match against IM Barlo Nadera that could have given him a share of the lead.

Playing with black, Gonzales opted for a king move instead of h2 that could have prevented Nadera from getting his Bishop on g1 that led to a book draw in their bishop and pawn endgame.

NMs Oliver Barbosa and Emmanuel Senador were not far behind after drawing their respective matches.

In the lone women's division match, reigning Women's National Open champion WFM Sheerie Joy Lomibao took the measure of WNM Kathryn Ann Cruz to seize the lead with 5.0 points. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

SPORTSWATCH

De Jesus shines for Statefields

JUAN Miguel De Jesus swept his Board 2 matches to lead the Statefields Schools to the gold medal in the 2004 Bacoor District Two Athletic Meet chess tournament elementary division at the Queen's Row Elementary School in Bacoor, Cavite. Statefield scored 25 points with De Jesus winning all of his 13 assignments to qualify for the North Cavite Sports Unit (NCSU) starting Oct. 22 with teammate and top board player Christian Juanillo. Juanillo claimed the gold in Board 1 after scoring 12 wins in 14 matches. Gawaran Elementary School grabbed the silver with 23 points while Aniban Elementary School tallied 20 points to bag the bronze. *Marlon Bernardino, Contributor*

Kiwi Executive Cup Oct. 2-3

THE KIWI Executive Cup will be held at the Libis Badminton Center on Oct. 2 and 3. Yuppies and executives are invited to join the event sponsored by Kiwi Sports, Express, the unique cleaning solution for sports shoes. Other backers are Hanes, Kiwi Fresh Force, Pearl of the Pacific Resort and Spa, Puerto del Sol, Smint, Istana Bali, Batis Asul Catering, Robbinsdale hotel and Lipton. Leveling started yesterday up to Oct. 1 at the Libis Badminton Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Entrance fee is P600, inclusive of Hanes tournament shirt, raffle and dinner buffet. Call 6830761 or text 0917-8301489 (Dave) for inquiries.

RP yo-yo champ to Singapore

AN ALL-EXPENSE paid three days, two nights in Singapore, a Duncan showcase of yo-yos and the opportunity to represent the country in the Second Asia-Pacific Yo-Yo in December await today's winner of the Philippine National Yo-Yo Championship at the Grand Atrium, Shangri-La Plaza Mall in Mandaluyong City. Around 70 bets have registered for the event which focuses on mind-boggling tricks, dexterity, creativity and originality. The event is open to all ages who will participate in the free hand and offspring category with US national yo-yo master Steve Brown—the inventor and developer of modern yo-yo—as the chief of the panel of judges. The Duncan crew composed of marketing and promotions coordinator Mark McBride of the US and local representatives of the said firm and Spinworx will join Brown in scoring the contestants' performance style. *PNA*

Sagupaan Complexor shares title

TWO TOUGH entries—Sagupaan Complexor 3000 BPZ of sabong idol Patrick Antonio and Labanan sa Pasay Oct. 15 of Eric dela Rosa—ruled the "Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 5-Stag Derby" last Wednesday at the air-conditioned Las Piñas Coliseum. Both tallied four wins and a loss. It was Antonio's second GCAP derby title, having won the first leg last Sept. 6. Meanwhile, LPC general manager Alex Tobias said the next GCAP derby will be held on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Abo Centeno and Renato Shio were recently designated as LPC's new hackfight *llamadores*. For inquiries, contact 8731040 and 8743910.

Developing future golf stars

IF THERE'S one sports association that has been religiously adhering to the spirit of sports development all these years, it is the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP). Perhaps taking a cue from the recent shutout in the Athens Olympics, the NGAP reiterated its self-avowed principle of digging for talent from the countryside in search of future stars. Just this week, it formed two teams rich in youth, especially the women's team.

Seemingly, no one has been doing it better than the NGAP.

Only a while back, the NGAP board, led by its new president, Benny Gopez, came up with a plan that subjected its pool of players to a grueling test of skill and talent in a bid to choose only the best and the brightest—not to exclude the promising ones.

After 144 holes spread out in eight days, the NGAP, under the microscopic-like eyes of secretary general Louie Fernandez and training director Bob Sabularse, finally selected the players for recommendation to the World Amateur Team Championship in Puerto Rico next month. They were players who do not only possess the qualities of world-beaters, but also traits that may yet make them the celebrities of the future.

Oh, well, if we do not think positive in these times of uncertainty and want, we might end up cuckoos.

The choice of Juvic Pagunsan to lead the men's team was a foregone conclusion. Jun Bernis making it was due mainly to his steady play. And Michael Eric S. Bibat? Well, Bibat made it for a couple of reasons: good attitude and the promise of hope.

Pagunsan was part of NGAP's development program some five years back. It bore fruition with Pagunsan winning a SEA Games gold medal and many other honors abroad, capping his rise to fame by becoming part of the RP Team that won a stunning third place finish in the World Amateurs behind the USA and France in Malaysia in 2002.

Bernis, besides finishing second behind Pagunsan in the 144-hole qualifying, was this year's champion in two major amateur events, the DHL-NGAP Championship and the Philippine Amateurs.

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

Bibat, who broke into the scene when he placed second in the World Optimist in Florida in 1996 in the 10-and-under, won the recent Singapore Amateur Open to seal the third slot. But this kid who towers 6-foot-2, turned 20 only last Sept. 7, is not new to championship pressure. From 1997 to 1999, he won 10 titles in different age divisions, including six from 1998 to 1999 in the tough PJGDA tournaments.

"I'm not promising anything, but this team is the best we got for the World Amateurs in Puerto Rico," said Fernandez, who also captained the RP Team that placed an illustrious third in Malaysia a couple of years back. "They have the right attitude, and the proper frame of mind in this tough mission to do well again in the World Amateurs."

But the women's team is not expected to figure well, mainly because it is composed of virtual newcomers seeing their really first tough assignment overseas. The Puerto Rico event presents the challenge.

In this squad is found the essence of sports development.

But make no mistake about it since, except for one, the two members topped the 144-hole qualifying/evaluation—Anya Tanpinco and Jayvee Agojo. The third player, Frances Bondad, won the Philippine Ladies Open this year. The three are almost raw, but the promise in them is already very visible.

It took some debating before the NGAP executive committee finally decided on also sending the ladies team to Puerto Rico, which will be captained by treasurer Alice Andrada.

"We are honest as we know where we stand," said Fernandez. "Our women's team is going to Puerto Rico in pursuit of our goal of sports development for, without exposing our young players to tough events overseas, we cannot hope to build future stars of the land."

It was a stand that, at first, had met some resistance from some quarters. But the no-nonsense Benny Gopez saw the light through it and backed Fernandez, his secretary general, all the way.

"The World Amateurs is where the true test of great amateur golf is," said Gopez. "The invaluable experience our golfers will derive from there will put them in good stead if they get chosen again to represent the country in next year's SEA Games in Manila."

I hope, if not honestly believe, that Eric Buhain is paying attention to all these.

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FASTBREAK. Congratulations to the winners of the smashingly successful first Picpa Open Golf Tournament held recently at Lanang in Davao City. Proceeds of the event, backed by GoldQuest Int'l Ltd., went to the scholarship program for accountancy students and CPA board examinees. Special thanks to Vic Asuncion, Carol Juatco, Celia Ferrer and Florante Elizalde for their robust support to the tournament. Cheers!

Nowhere man closes in on Singh

FARMINGTON, Pennsylvania—Ben Curtis came out of nowhere to win the 2003 British Open, one of the biggest upsets ever in a major championship. Almost immediately, nowhere found him again.

Curtis, all but invisible before that upset of a lifetime and all but invisible since, shot a second 5-under 67 Friday to close to within two shots of leader Vijay Singh at the 84 Lumber Classic.

Maybe he was wearing the wrong colors for a golfer in Pittsburgh Steelers country—Cleveland Browns bright orange rather the black and gold—but it was all that red on the scoreboard that made him stand out.

For someone whose tournaments usually have consisted of two days and out, it was a pleasant turnaround. Even if, no matter where he turned on the back nine, he heard all about his choice of clothing.

"I didn't hear anything until the 14th hole, then I heard something every hole from then on," said Curtis, who grew up a Browns fan in not-that-far-away Ostrander, Ohio. "It took them a little while to wake up and realize I had Browns stuff on."

Just as Curtis has needed time to put his game together again since the British Open, when he became the first player since Francis Ouimet in 1913 to win a major on his first try.

He didn't have a top-10 finish in his final eight events last year, then had only one—an eighth-place tie in the Memorial—in his first 17 US tournaments this year. He's also No. 136 on the money list, hardly an enviable position for a recent major winner, but still thinks he has time to make something out of a mostly nothing year.

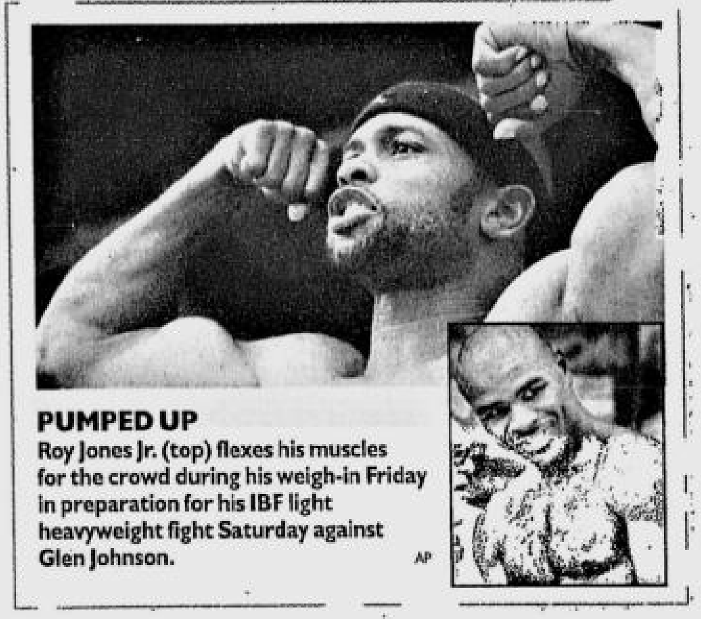
"Since I got my tour card last year, I haven't had more than three weeks off," Curtis said. "I'm from up north, and I'm used to three months off during the winter."

As a result, Curtis plans to play three or four weeks in a row to get into a rhythm next year, then take more time off so he doesn't wear down.

As consistently well as PGA Tour money leader Singh is playing, he could be excused for not taking any time off.

Singh followed up his 8-under 64 Thursday with a 4-under 68 that could have been even better if he hadn't missed several birdie putts inside 8 feet. Still, he was not the least bit disappointed.

"I'm quite happy," said Singh, who recently overtook Tiger Woods for the world No. 1 ranking. "I've got the weekend to go and there are a few more chances out there." *AP*



PUMPED UP Roy Jones Jr. (top) flexes his muscles for the crowd during his weigh-in Friday in preparation for his IBF light heavyweight fight Saturday against Glen Johnson. AP

Local teams rule URBL's first games

GAMES MONDAY (*Bogo Sports Complex*)
4 p.m.—Quezon Huskers vs M. Lhuillier-Cebu
6 p.m.—Lactovitale-Cebu vs Harbour Centre-Pampanga

CEBU City—Cebuanos are known to be hospitable hosts—but not in basketball.

Cebu-based teams Lactovitale Probiotics and M. Lhuillier Jewelers treated the visiting North Luzon teams to a rude welcome in yesterday's inaugural games of the 1st United Regional Basketball League (URBL) at the Cebu Coliseum.

In the first game, Lactovitale banked on man-mountain Bonel Balingit to humble the Quezon Province Huskers, 82-77, while the Jewelers scored their own win via a 78-68 drubbing of the Ilocos Snipers.

Aside from his intimidating presence in the shaded lane, Balingit also wreaked havoc on offense as he fired a team-high 19 points.

After a close first quarter with the Probiotics up by only two, 18-16, the Snipers greeted the second canto with erratic plays, which the Probiotics pounced on.

Lactovitale entered the second half with a 42-29 advantage and looked headed to a blowout as it built leads of as many as 20 in the third period.

But just when the Probiotics seemed headed for an easy win, former UE Red Warrior Arnold Booker single-handedly led a furious rally by the Huskers.

Booker, who tallied a game-high 27 markers, scored 16 of the Huskers' last 21 points that put Quezon Province to within four, 76-80, under one minute to play.

In the main game, M. Lhuillier used a stifling defense in the fourth period to bag the victory.

James Laygo led all scorers with 22 points while Bong Marata and Bruce Dacia added 16 and 10 points, respectively.

Ex-Cebu Gems stalwart Mike Manigo led the Huskers with 15 points.

Huskers' Mel Latoreno scored the first points in the league. *Calvin Cordova, Cebu Daily News*

The scores:

First game

LACTOVITALE 82—Balingit 19, Castillo 16, Gomez 11, Ursal 10, Orquillas 7, Bughao 6, Daruca 6, Juvez 3, Briones 2.

QUEZON PROVINCE 77—Booker 27, Latoreno 20, Nuñez 7, Rodriguez 7, Tenorio 7, Lapera 4, Tierra 3, Catalan 2.

Quarters: 18-16, 42-29, 63-46, 82-77.

Second game

M. LHUILLIER 78—Laygo 22, Marata 16, Dacia 10, Aying 7, Rubi 7, De Guzman 7, Smith 5, Bat-og 2, Canoneo 2.

ILOCOS 68—Manigo 15, Cardel 9, Yu 8, Mendoza 8, Barbosa 8, Hardin 7, Rauschmayer 7, Bernardo 6.

Quarters: 22-17, 44-39, 52-50, 78-68.

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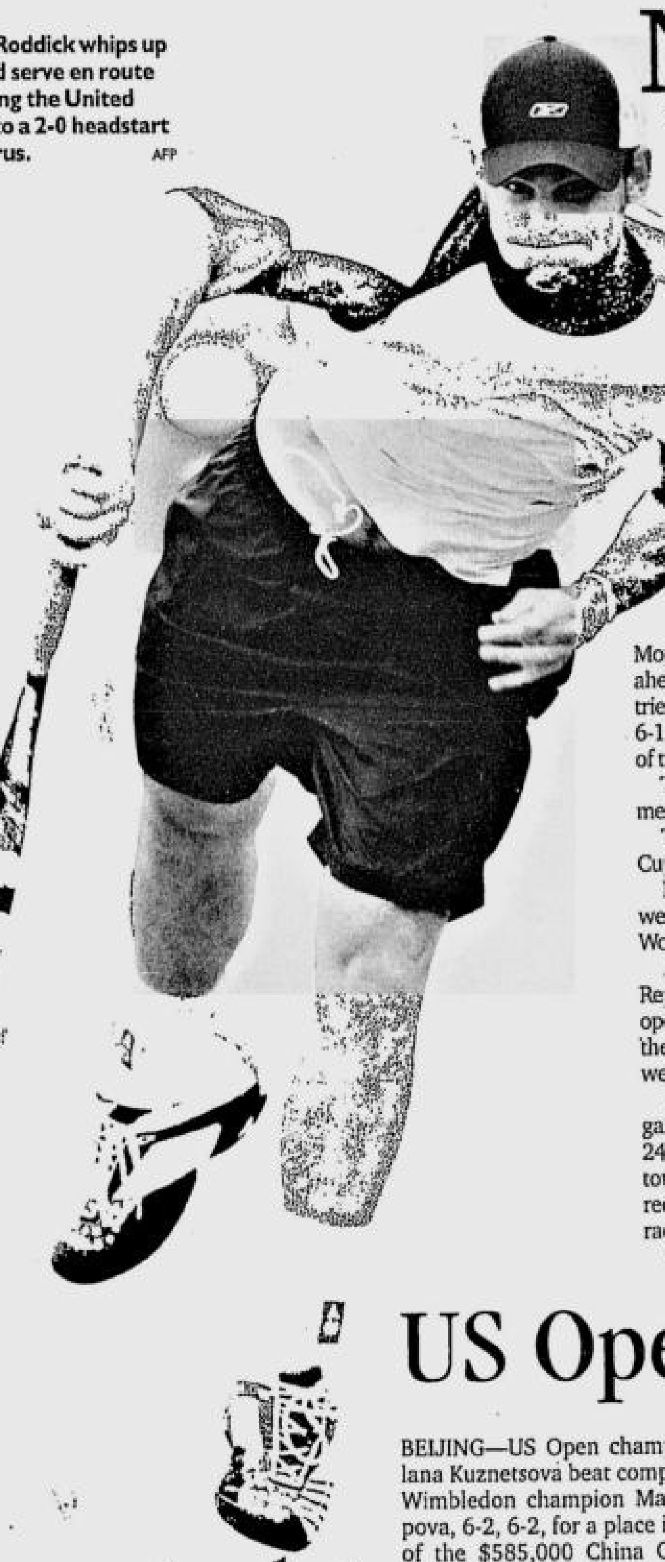
Roddick serves up US lead



ANDY Roddick whips up a record serve en route to leading the United States to a 2-0 headstart vs Belarus. AFP

NEW YORK—The United States won both of its opening singles to move within a victory of its first appearance in the Davis Cup final since 1997, while Spain stumbled Friday in trying to reach its third trip to the championship in five years.

Andy Roddick won in straight sets and Mardy Fish took only a little longer to give the Americans a 2-0 lead over Belarus, while Paul-Henri Mathieu, ranked 77th by the ATP, upset No. 6 Carlos Moya to put France ahead of Spain, 1-0, on the first day of the semifinals in tennis' premier team competition.

In Charleston, South Carolina, Roddick got the United States out to a fast start, pounding a record 249 kph (155 mph) serve in his 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 win over Vladimir Voltchkov while Fish consolidated the lead with a 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Max Mirnyi.

In Alicante, Spain, Mathieu shocked Moya, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, to put France ahead, and 12th-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero tried to rally Spain, leading Fabrice Santoro, 6-3, 6-1, 1-6, 3-3, before darkness suspended the rest of the match until Saturday.

The winners of the weekend semifinals will meet Dec. 3-5 in the championship tie.

The United States has won the most Davis Cup titles, 31, but none since 1995.

Besides the semifinals, eight playoff matches were determining the final half of next year's World Group.

Australia, Chile, Croatia, Romania, the Czech Republic and Russia all took 2-0 leads after the opening day, while Slovakia and Germany split their opening matches and Austria and Britain were rained out.

In Charleston, Roddick's serve in the final game of the match eclipsed his own record of 246 kph (153 mph) set at the Queen's Club tournament in England in June. Even with the record speed, Voltchkov managed to get his racket on the ball but was unable to return it.

The crowd at the Family Circle Tennis Center stood and cheered when the record speed of the serve was shown.

"I hit a good one. That's about it," Roddick said. "I think it's fun for the fans. To me it's still a point. It's something I'll be able to tell people about one day. But I'm happier with the win—serving well overall."

In Spain, Mathieu needed 4 1/2 hours for his first victory in Davis Cup to give France the lead. The match went back-and-forth. Mathieu won the final three games of the first set and broke Moya to open the second. Moya then took control to win the second and third sets, but committed several unforced errors to let Mathieu stay close.

Mathieu opened the fourth by breaking Moya's serve, and again in the sixth to even the match. Moya broke Mathieu to lead 2-0 in the final set and had game point to take a 3-0 lead, but Mathieu rallied, earning four break points before finally converting and going on to win five of the next six games.

"The opponent plays well, too," Moya said. "And I think he played a great game.... It was a match of ups and downs and in the end I was a little tired."

In Perth, Australia, Lleyton Hewitt broke a 56-year-old Australian Davis Cup record, helping the home side to a 2-0 lead over an injury-depleted Morocco.

Hewitt's 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 win over Mehdi Tahiri on grass at Royal Kings Park was his 25th Davis Cup singles win, breaking Adrian Quist's Australian record in just his sixth year of Davis Cup play.

Wayne Arthurs, playing in his first opening singles match in more than two years, earlier gave Australia the lead with a 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3 win over Mounir El Aarej.

In Rijeka, Croatia, Olympic doubles bronze medalists Ivan Ljubicic and Mario Ancic won in straight sets to give Croatia a 2-0 lead over Belgium. *AP*

DLSZ bags last semis slot

DE LA Salle Zobel bagged yesterday the fourth and last semifinal ticket of the WNCAA 35th season midgets volleyball by edging last year's champion Siena College of Quezon City, 25-18, 25-15, at the EAC gym.

DLSZ will have to beat eliminations topnotcher and host school San Beda College Alabang in the semis which begin Oct. 9.

Miriam College has the twice-to-beat advantage over St. Scholastica's College in the other semis pairing.

In juniors matches, St. Scholastica outlasted University of the Assumption-Pampanga, 25-18, 25-22, 24-26, 25-17, to brighten its chances of joining Miriam and Rizal Technological University in the final four.

St. Scholastica ended the elims at 6-4 and dashed the semifinal hopes of UA-P, Chiang Kai Chek College and DLSZ.

US Open champ ousts Maria

SHARAPOVA: Another painful exit AP

BEIJING—US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova beat compatriot and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, 6-2, 6-2, for a place in the final of the $585,000 China Open WTA tournament on Saturday.

The second seed found her groove mid-way through the first set and broke Sharapova's serve five times.

"My serve helped me a lot today. I've been serving well and receiving well. She likes to win easy points and I didn't want to give them to her," Kuznetsova, 19, said.

Kuznetsova will meet either American Serena Williams or fellow Russian Vera Zvonareva in the final on Sunday.

Third seed Sharapova, 17, came out strongly, smashing three winners in the first three points and breaking Kuznetsova in the first game.

"I was so frustrated at the start because it was so windy, I couldn't put the ball to the sides," Kuznetsova said.

But she turned things around with an ace to win the third game after saving two break points. Kuznetsova then broke Sharapova three times to win the set.

Sharapova's serve turned distinctly rocky and Kuznetsova took two more breaks in the second set, including in the last game when her opponent capitulated with a double fault at match point.

"She went out today and she was the better player. I wasn't really there," Sharapova said. *Reuters*

BARRICHELLO: 12th career pole AFP

Rubens takes pole of new Chinese GP

SHANGHAI, China—Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello gained the first-ever pole position for the Chinese Grand Prix on Saturday after Ferrari teammate Michael Schumacher spun out seconds into his qualifying lap.

It was the 12th career pole and second straight for Barrichello. He now has three for the season: The US, Italian and Chinese races.

Barrichello recorded a time of 1 minute, 34.012 seconds on the brand-new 5.451-kilometer (3.388-mile) Shanghai International Circuit.

Schumacher spun on the first turn of the new track after leading the pre-qualifying an hour earlier in 1:33.185. He will start in the second to last row in Sunday's 56-lap race in 18th place.

It will be the German's worst starting position as a Ferrari driver. In 1998 he had the pole position for the final race of the season, the Japanese GP, but stalled on the grid and was put to the back of the pack.

In 1995, as a Benetton driver, he was 16th on the grid but went on to win the Belgian Grand Prix.

Midway through the first turn, Schumacher lost control of his Ferrari and spun off the track into the wide gravel area. He went back on the track and completed the lap but failed to record a time. *AP*

Santos and Cardona . . .

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Archers this far. And while Santos can warm an audience with an easy grin and laid-back personality, Cardona has as much charm as a rock.

Although cutting on the brashness and the trash-talking style common to players weaned on American playground basketball, the Archers' top gunner still has that aura of confidence often mistaken as cockiness.

"*Ganun lang po talaga ako ka*-confident *sa sarili ko*, (I'm just really confident with myself)," he explained.

It was that same confidence that was broken last year, and he hopes to fully repair it this year.

"*Siyempre, pag nanalo ako ng* MVP, *parang lahat ng* hardships *ko, nagkaroon na ng* reward *at tataas yung* confidence *ko*," said Cardona. Despite his status as a Fil-Am player in a school perceived to be elitist, Cardona has as much right to talk about hardships as the dusky Santos. After a stint at Carson High in California, Cardona had pretty much resigned himself to doing cashier work in a Jack-in-a-Box outlet before an invitation to try out for La Salle's team came.

"*Kaya po* love *ko talaga ang* La Salle. The school gave me a second chance and I'll do anything to repay La Salle for that," he said, stating that a championship would be just compensation.

But the MVP trophy will be at the back of his mind as it will be on Santos. And in a declaration that best describes how close this MVP race has been, Santos, in Filipino, said: "The only reason the race is close is because there can be only one winner. If there could be two, I know I would be deserving and Macmac (Cardona) would also be deserving."

Whoever the winner ultimately is, he will be remembered for years to come in varsity lore. But the one who loses won't be easily forgotten either.

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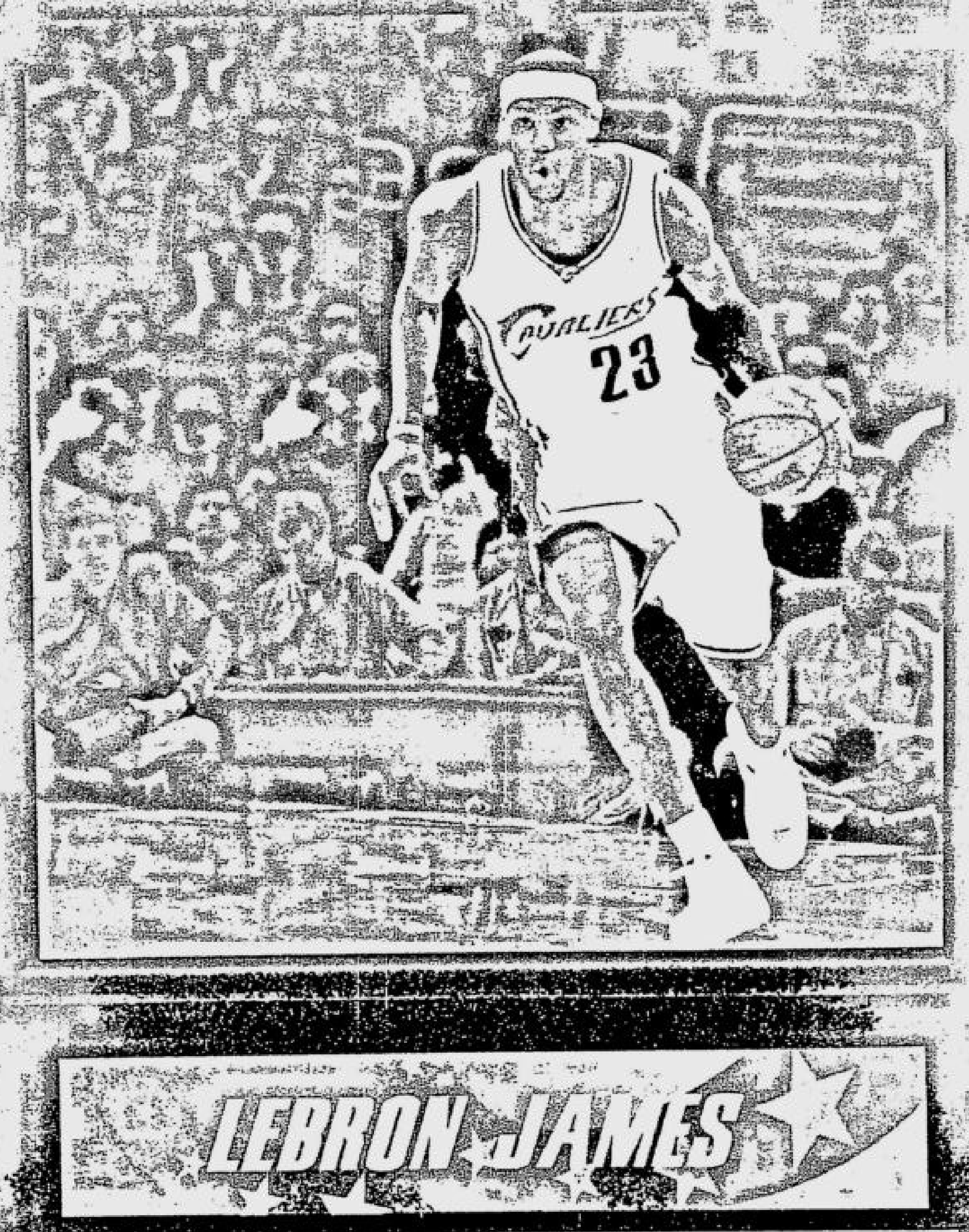

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Mel: Joey a 'sensitive, perfect gentleman'

MUTUAL ADMIRATION. Mel, according to Joey, is a quick thinker and a good listener.

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

DESPITE Joey de Leon's walkout during the taping of "Mel and Joey," Mel Tiangco said she finds her new co-host "sensitive" and a "perfect gentleman."

"It's a pleasant surprise to know that he's perfect gentleman," Mel said of Joey during an interview with INQUIRER Entertainment last Friday. "He's sensitive to my needs."

She recalled the time they were doing a pictorial for the show's publicity materials and she wanted a re-shoot because he had a double chin in the first photographs. "But he didn't mind because he said I looked beautiful in the photos," she said.

"I really enjoy working with him," she added. "He's so nice. And he has so many experiences that I don't have. Do you know that this guy is into the arts? He talks about his paintings by Ang Kiukok. We talk about life. Can you imagine Joey de Leon talking about life?"

Umbilical cord

Mel said she's not bothered by Joey's brushes with the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), which has suspended him from "Eat Bulaga" twice. The first happened years ago because of his naughty use of the word "bird," and the second almost two months ago because of his use of the Filipino slang for fellatio.

"I don't have to watch over his shoulder because I knew since our first taping day that 'Mel and Joey' wasn't just my show, but our show and he would also protect it," she said.

Joey said he finds Mel a quick thinker and a good listener. "With just a gesture from you, she'll know exactly what you're trying to convey," he said. "It's like she and I speaking one complete sentence. There's an umbilical cord (connecting our thoughts)."

He said they work well together because they also share a genuine interest in people and a mastery of the medium.

Joey dismissed his walkout last Sunday as nothing serious. "You can say we were just kidding each other," he said in Filipino. "It was a long story and I'd rather not talk about it in detail because we might lose the magic (of the show)."

'I was affected'

Mel was more forthcoming on what transpired during the taping of their show two Fridays ago at GMA 7's Studio 3. She told INQUIRER Entertainment that Joey walked out while they were discussing the issue on the man who jumped from the flyover on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City with his infant son in his arms (the baby died in the fall).

"(Joey) was blaming the kibitzers (because the man and the baby were not rescued) but I thought it was the fault of the police," said Mel. "That was when we argued. Why he went out, I don't know. I was affected but I went on with the show until we had a gap. Then I asked him if there was any problem and he said none. Then it was over."

Prior to the walkout, the show's staff had been advising Mel and Joey to take opposite sides during the discussion. "I told our executive producer that we would only do that if the opportunity would arise," said Mel. "Joey and I had been thinking on the same line. I stressed that we wouldn't act out the argument."

For 16 years, Mel's partner was Jay Sonza on radio and then on TV in the chat show "Mel and Jay." When they started working for GMA 7 after Mel's bitter falling out with ABS-CBN almost eight years ago, the show was renamed "Partners with Mel and Jay." It became "Partners with Mel Tiangco" when Jay decided to run for senator early this year—and lost—and Mel went solo.

Prominent name

The once unbeatable show found stiff competition in "Rated K," a public affairs magazine program hosted by Korina Sanchez on ABS-CBN.

Mel said it was management's decision to give her a new show and a new partner. When asked if Jay wanted to go back to the show, she said she wasn't informed if he did.

It turned out that Joey's name was prominent on GMA 7 management's list of candidates. The comedian who's also a mainstay on the noontime program, "Eat Bulaga," the sitcom "Nuts Entertainment" and the prank show, "Wow, Mali," admitted that he wasn't keen on doing "Mel and Joey" at first.

"I felt tired already and I was often traveling abroad," he explained. "(But I reconsidered because) I love GMA 7 and I defend them and maybe they love me, too. Then I started enjoying the show."

Both Mel and Joey have had long, fruitful careers in broadcasting, first on radio and then on TV, but they never worked together until "Mel and Joey."

Joey was one of the guests in the very first episode of "Mel and Jay," along with Ali Sotto and Vicky Ocampo. The title of the episode

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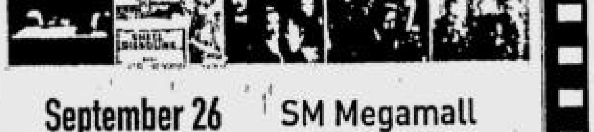

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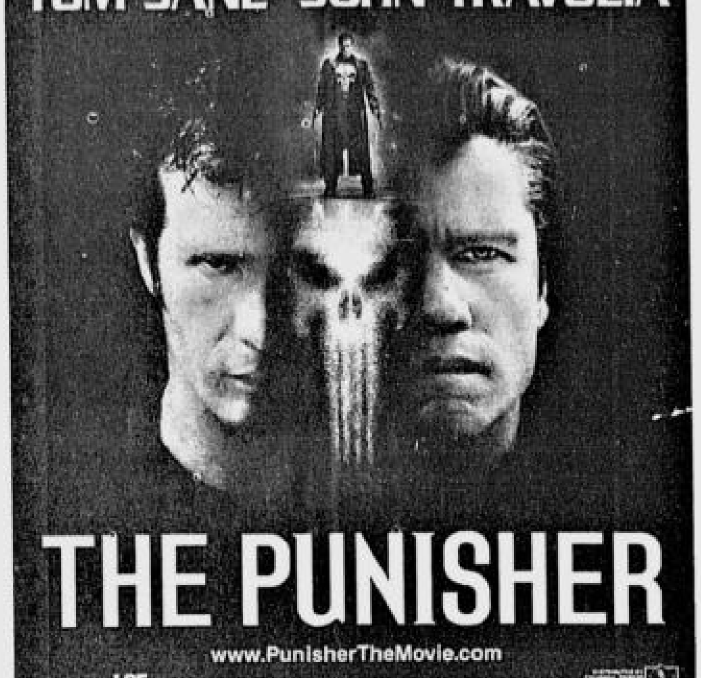

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20 TV stations fined $550,000 for Janet's breast-baring

WASHINGTON—Pop singer Janet Jackson's bare breast flash earlier this year during the nationally televised Super Bowl football game will cost 20 CBS television stations a record total of $550,000 for violating indecency rules, US communications regulators said last week.

The Federal Communications Commission said it has officially voted to fine the CBS stations, owned by conglomerate Viacom Inc., $27,500 each for airing the incident.

"The US Constitution is generous in its protection of free expression, but it is not a license to thrill," said FCC Chair Michael Powell. "The context of the halftime show leads us to conclude that the breast-baring finale was intended."

Jackson's fellow singer Justin Timberlake ripped her costume, briefly exposing her bejeweled breast during the half-time show at the National Football League's championship game last Feb. 1, triggering about 542,000 complaints filed with the FCC.

Viacom has 30 days to decide whether to pay the proposed fine or contest it.

The agency decided against fining the other 200-plus CBS affiliates that aired the show but are not owned by the network, stating that they were not involved in the planning, selection or approval of the Super Bowl half-time festivities.

"Every licensed station broadcasting over the public airwaves has a legal obligation to uphold community standards," said Brent Bozell, head of the Parents Television Council, which had complained about the Jackson incident.

In addition to owning the CBS television network, Viacom also owns the MTV network, which was involved in producing the Super Bowl half-time show. *Reuters*

Mel: Joey a 'sensitive, perfect...

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was "Huli Ka."

"I've been on 'Eat Bulaga' as a guest a couple of times but that's about it," said Mel. "But we were able to gel right away because we have the same background."

Opposite poles

Mel hastened to point out, though, that they are worlds apart. "But I guess it's true that opposite poles attract. I need something like him who will loosen me up sometimes because my orientation is news, and therefore formal, prim and proper and conservative. He makes me laugh without care."

Joey is not a newbie in the talk show genre. Years ago, he hosted one called "Stay Awake" on Channel 5. "During the early days of 'Eat Bulaga,' we would ad-lib for like 15 minutes. We also didn't care about how we looked. I would dress up in my favorite get-up of t-shirt, jeans and slippers."

Doing "Mel and Joey" is a great learning experience, said the man who has starred in almost 50 shows. "And I thought I've learned everything there is to learn about TV," he said, shaking his head.

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3	EXORCIST: THE BEGINNING	11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
4	13 GOING ON 30	10:20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
5	FENG SHUI	10.20, 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
6	HEAVEN'S POND	10:45, 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
7	SAVED	11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
8	THE NOTEBOOK	11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7.20, 10:00
9	THE TERMINAL	11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
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2	SECRETARY	11:10, 1:30, 3:50, 6:10, 8:20
3	EXORCIST: THE BEGINNING	10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
4	HEAVEN'S POND	10:30, 12:30, 2 30, 4:30 6:30, 8 30, 10 00
5	13 GOING ON 30	11:00, 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50
6	FENG SHUI	10:35, 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50
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2	SAVED	10:05, 12:15, 2:25, 4:35, 6:45, 9:00
3	13 GOING ON 30	10:50, 12:50, 2.50, 4 50, 6 50, 9:00
4	THE TERMINAL	10:10, 1:05, 4.00, 6:55, 9:10
5	EXORCIST: THE BEGINNING	11:20, 1:40, 4 00, 6 20, 8:35, 10:30
6	TAKAW TINGIN	10:50, 12:50, 2:50, 4:50, 6.50, 9:00
7	THE BOURNE SUPREMACY	10.35, 1.00, 3:25, 5.50, 8.15, 10:30
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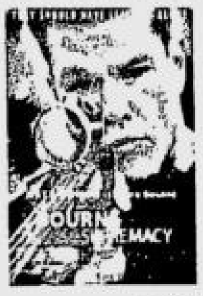

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Grammy winner has 2 new albums

THREE-TIME Grammy Award winner Nelly made musical history when he recently released two new albums, "Sweat" and "Suit," simultaneously, making him the first rapper to join the ranks of Bruce Springsteen and Guns 'N' Roses who also released two albums on the same day.

"Sweat" and "Suit" present Nelly's diverse musical styles. "I had so much material that at first I thought about releasing a double CD, but then I thought it would be better to release two albums separately to show fans the best of both sides of "Nellyville," says Nelly.

"Sweat" and "Suit" showcase Nelly's trademark melodic lyrical style. Both albums also depict the rapper's personal and career growth as reflected in the selection of songs.

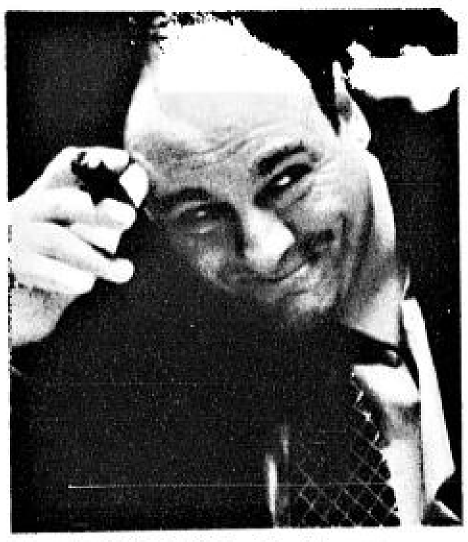
In differentiating the two albums, Nelly describes "Sweat" as having more uptempo club bangers that are more street-oriented like "Hot In Here," "Air Force Ones" or "#1," while "Suit" is more "grown and sexy, along the lines of "Dilemma" or "Ride With me."

"Flap Your Wings" is the setup single from "Sweat," and Time magazine says, "Word has it that the track is in the same vein as "Country Grammar" and "Hot in Here," the rapper's previous summer hits."

The lead single of "Suit" is "My Place" featuring the R&B singer Jaheim, whom Nelly calls "the Teddy of our generation." "My Place" is a reworking of the Teddy Pendergrass classic, "Come On and Go With Me."

Nelly first caught world attention in 2000 when he released his debut album, "Country Grammar," which has turned platinum nine times. He has since sold close to 30 million singles/albums worldwide.

"Sweat" and "Suit," his third and fourth studio albums, are distributed in the Philippines by MCA Music Inc., a Universal Music Group Company. The promo campaign for the albums continues with bar tours and listening parties on Sept. 28 at Club Sentro in Libis, Sept. 29 at Basement, and Oct. 1 at Blue Onion in Eastwood City.



JAMES GANDOLFINI as Tony Soprano

4 seasons of HBO best now on video

SINCE its 1999 debut, "The Sopranos," which airs Sundays at 9 p.m. on HBO, has won multiple Emmys, Golden Globes, SAG Awards, DGA Awards, TCA Awards and Peabody Awards. Just last week, "The Sopranos" earned four Emmys, including one for best drama series.

Currently on its fifth season in the US, the series has been popular among critics and audiences alike, winning more than 10 million viewers almost each night it is shown.

Warner Home Video's DVD copies of "The Sopranos" are also selling like hot cakes not only in America but also in other parts of the world.

The groundbreaking Mafia family drama has the distinction of earning an all-time high turnout record for HBO in the cable network's 30-year history when, in September 2002, Season 4's premiere episode of "The Sopranos" drew an estimated 13.4 million viewers. It was the first time an HBO telecast drew an audience larger than any of the broadcast networks in the same time slot.

The first two seasons of "The Sopranos" are now in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Asians have been hoping to watch the much-talked-about series in their homes. HBO executives, however, feel the theme of the show doesn't fit Asian standards. HBO executives said they would not be bringing "The Sopranos" to Asia for now, but they did not say never.

The crime family drama revolves around mob boss Tony Soprano who is trying desperately to balance the needs of his suburban family with the needs of "The Family." His double life leads to severe depression and panic attacks, which prompt him to seek the help of psychiatrist Dr. Jennifer Melfi.

"The Sopranos" is more than just a mob show. It's not as focused on the Mafia as Coppola's "The Godfather" films and Scorsese's "Goodfellas." It is more about America, and about a slightly-more-violent-than-normal family.

"The Sopranos" stars three-time Emmy winner James Gandolfini as Tony Soprano and Edie Falco as his wife, Carmela.

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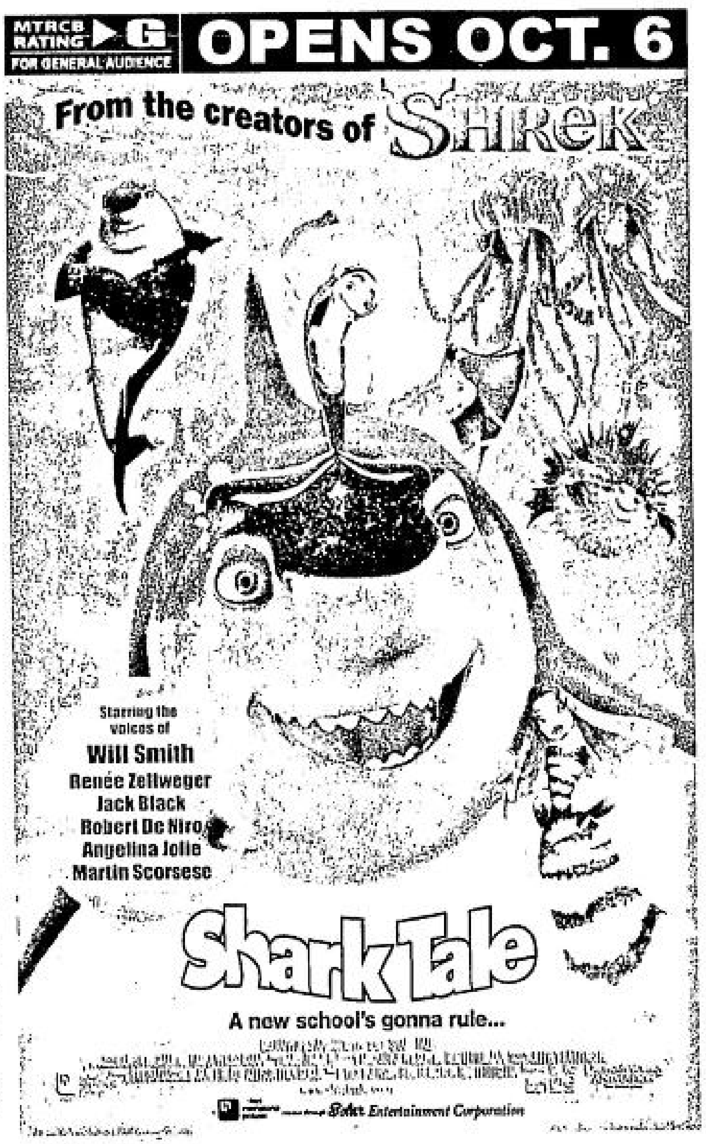
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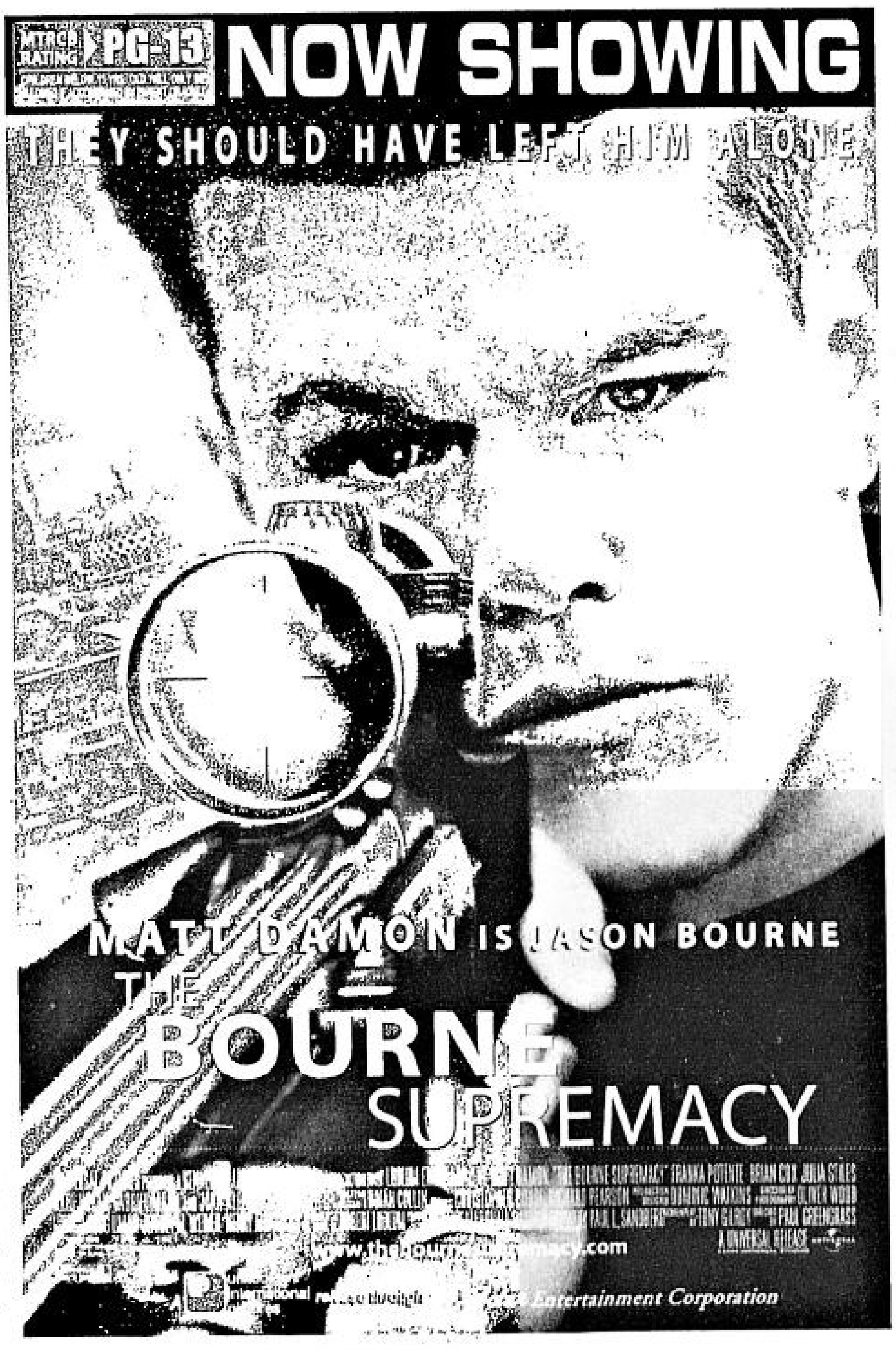
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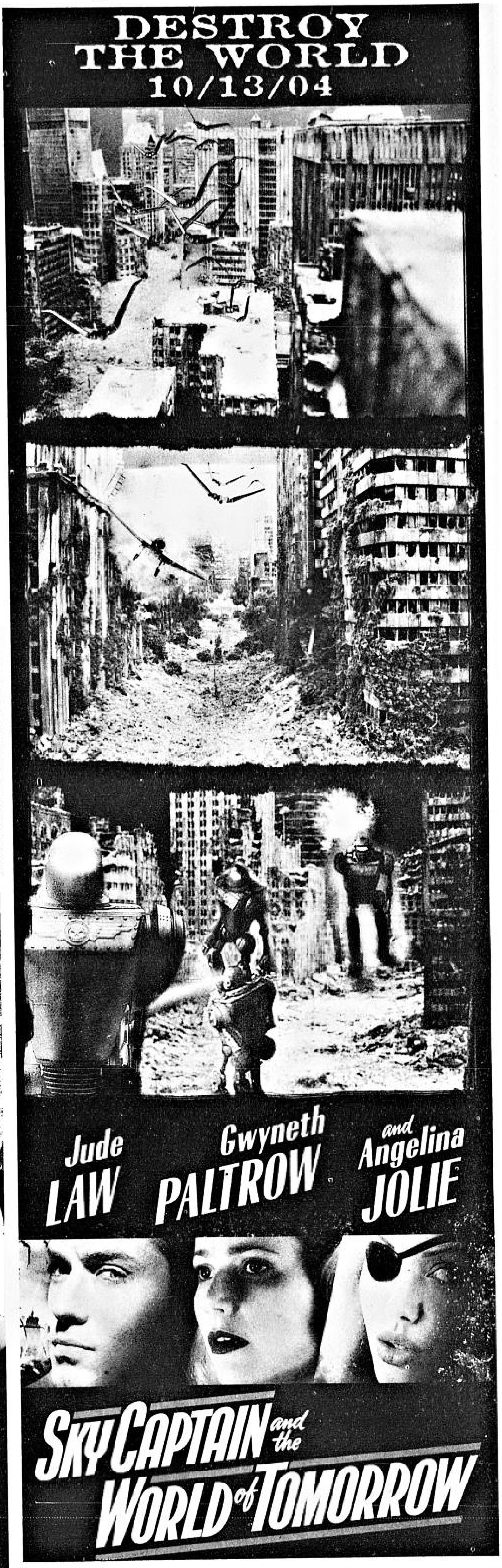
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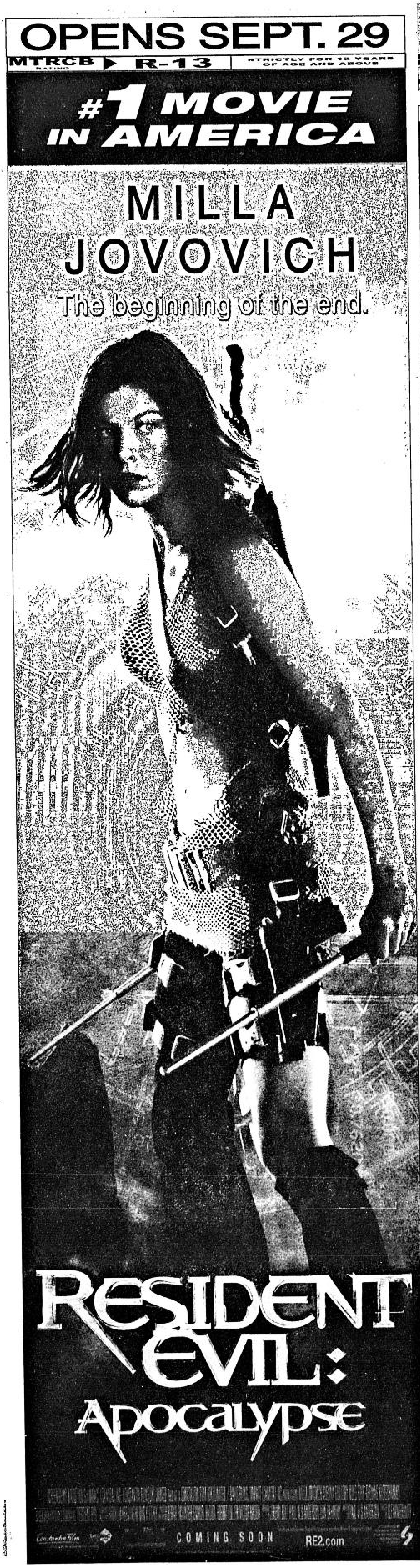
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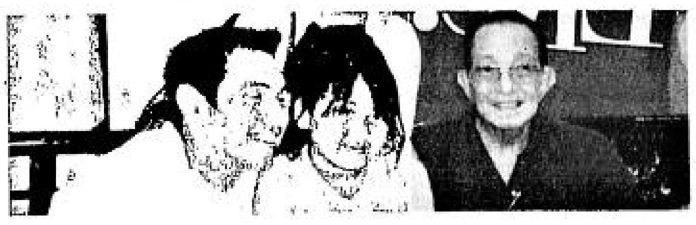

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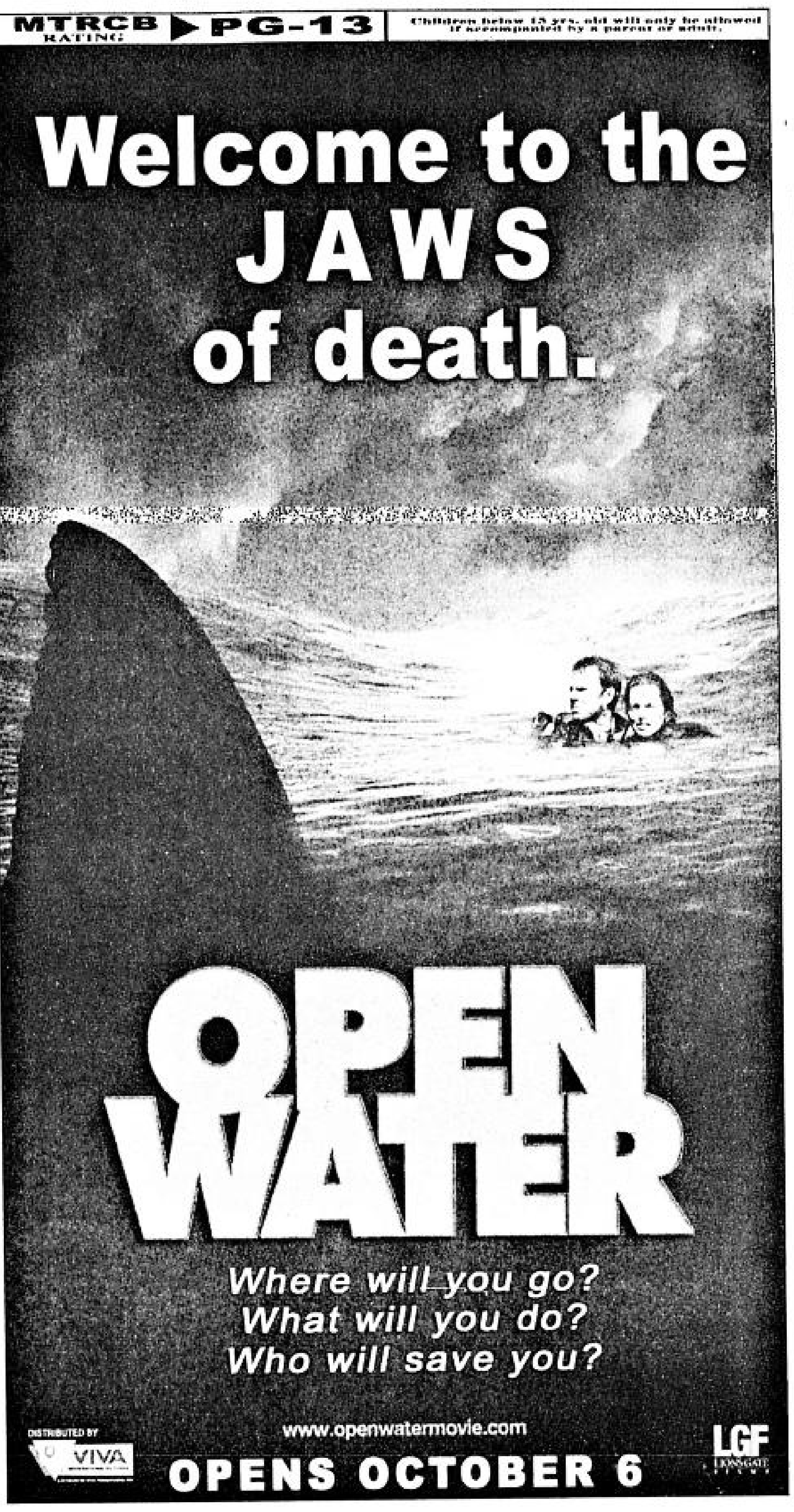
Gary Valenciano and his father, photographer Vic Valenciano (flanking a fan), will sign copies of the latter's book of photographs, "Gary Valenciano," at Powerbooks at the Alabang Town Center in Muntinlupa today starting at 3 p.m.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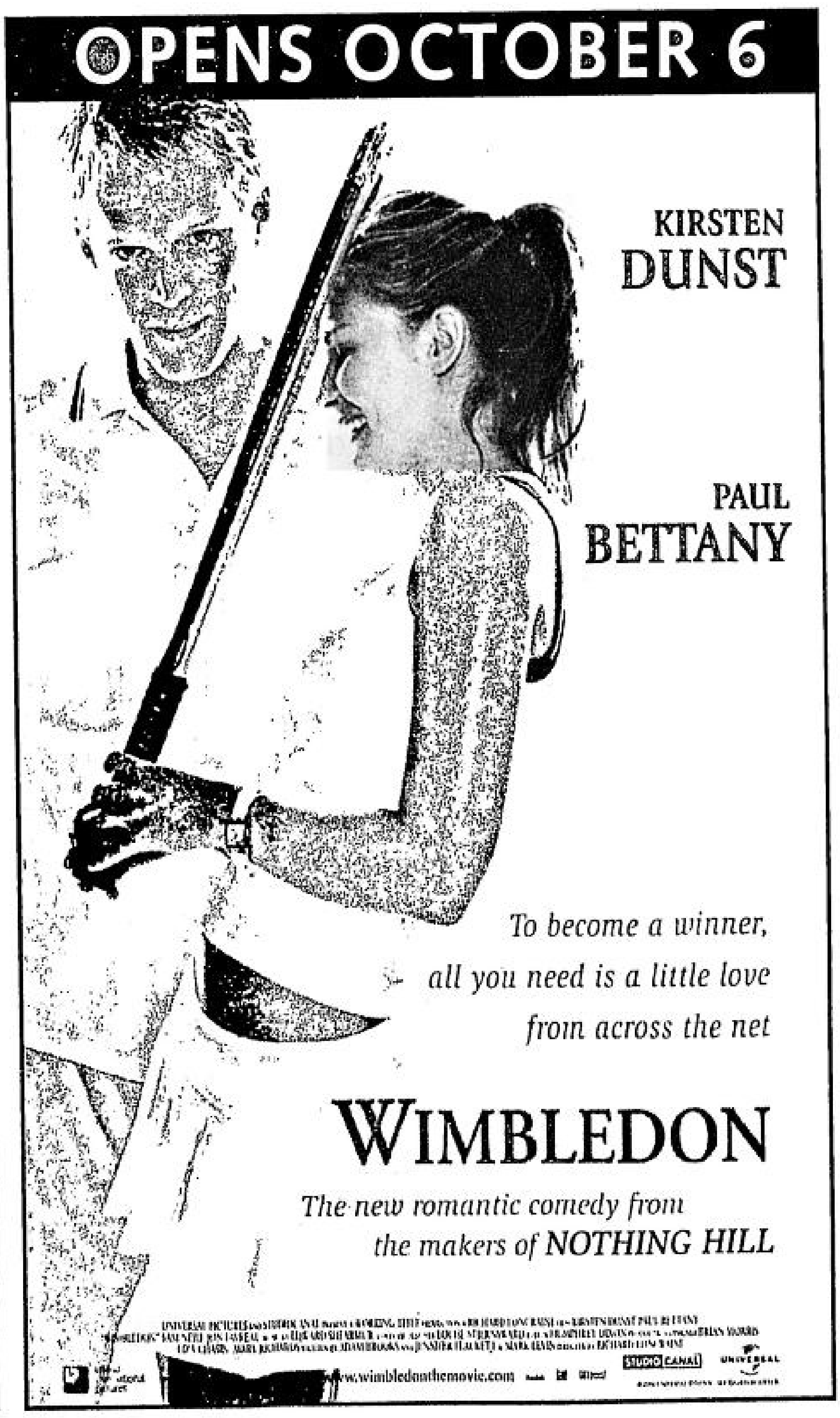
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FLORANTE described it in a song three years before Edsa I.

Florante says he foresaw Marcos downfall

By Juan Escandor Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

FLORANTE de Leon, the folksinger-songwriter who composed the folkhouse anthem "Ako'y Isang Pinoy" in the '70s, says he had described in a song the downfall of the late former president Ferdinand Marcos, three years before the first Edsa revolution, which drove the Marcoses out of the country.

Florante said the song he composed in 1983, entitled "Upuan," showed a nation suspended in uncertainty. But he said the song had been in the Metro Manila market until it was banned before it could reach the distributors in the provinces.

Using first-person narrative, the folksinger-songwriter depicted the dictator in the song as a tired and worried boss on the brink of giving up. Florante allegorically referred to the dictatorial power as the *upuan* or seat.

The song says:

"Nais ko nang magpahinga,/ marami na akong nagawa, at natulungan.

"Ako'y labis na nag-aalala,/ baka ang puno ay tuluyan nang maubusan ng bunga" (I want to rest already, I have done many things and helped many. I'm so bothered, the tree might finally lose its fruits)."

But on the whole, the song was actually sympathetic to the dictator while casting doubt on the people around him, whom Florante identified as friends.

Florante referred to the rabid military of the martial law period as "dogs."

He sang: "Nakaupo ako, nagbabantay sila,/ ang mga aso ko'y laging maaasahan (I am seated, they're guarding, my dogs

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are always unfailing)."

Florante used "tree" and "fruits" to represent the spoils of the system of which the friends of the dictator partook.

The songwriter expressed the dictator's suspicion of his military establishment when he added, "Hindi ko lang alam ang binabantayan,/ ito bang puno o upuan (I just don't know what they are guarding, the tree or the seat)."

Florante had been actually identified with the Marcoses because of the singer-composer's friendship with the strongman's son, 'Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

Bongbong loved folk songs at the time when folk houses in Metro Manila were often packed with people.

But Florante denied that he personally knew either Marcos or the former first lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos, that he was a Marcos loyalist and that he followed the dying dictator to Hawaii.

Florante admitted that he went to Hawaii in the same year the Marcoses and their cronies fled the Philippines at the height of the first Edsa revolution.

But he said he went to Hawaii to make a living as a singer, together with balladeer Hajji Alejandro.

In "Ako'y Isang Pinoy," Florante drew inspiration from the national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, and used a line from the latter's poem, "Sa Aking Kababata (To the Filipino Youth)."

The line says, "Ang taong hindi marunong magmahal sa sariling wika ay higit pa ang amoy sa mabahong isda (A person who does not love his own language smells worse than a rotten fish)."

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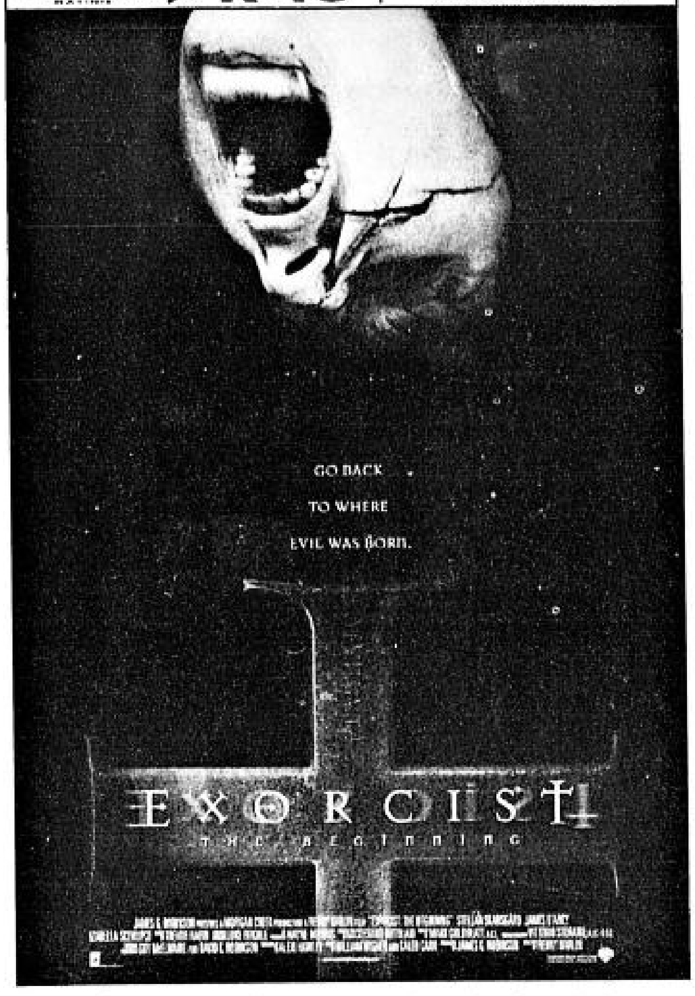

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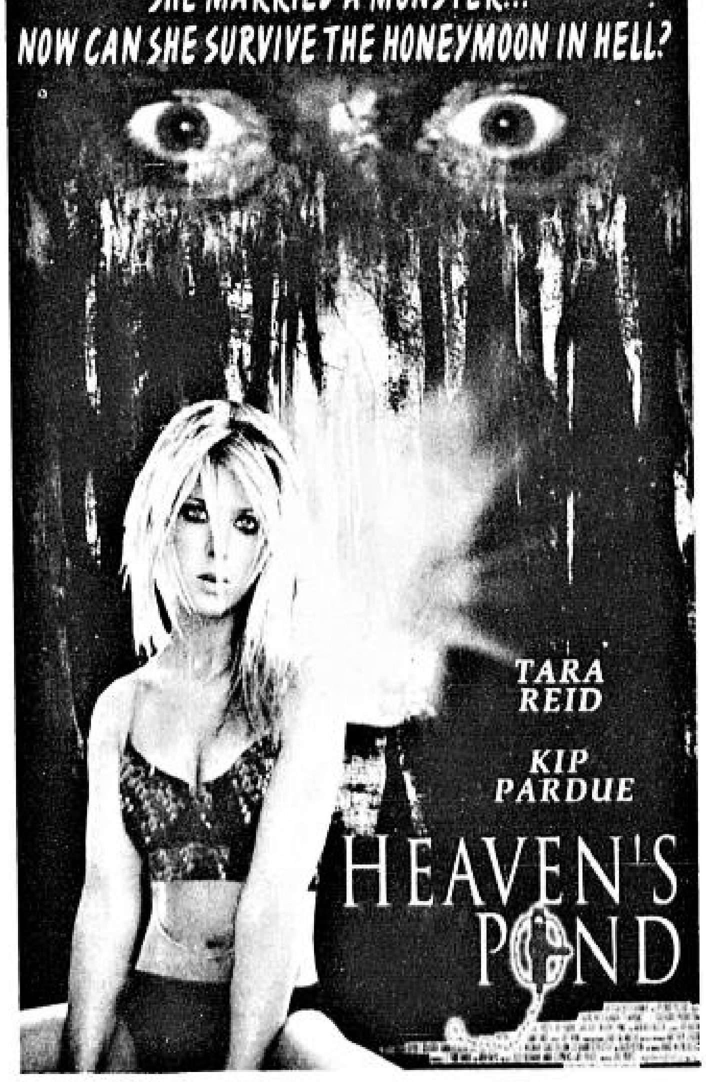

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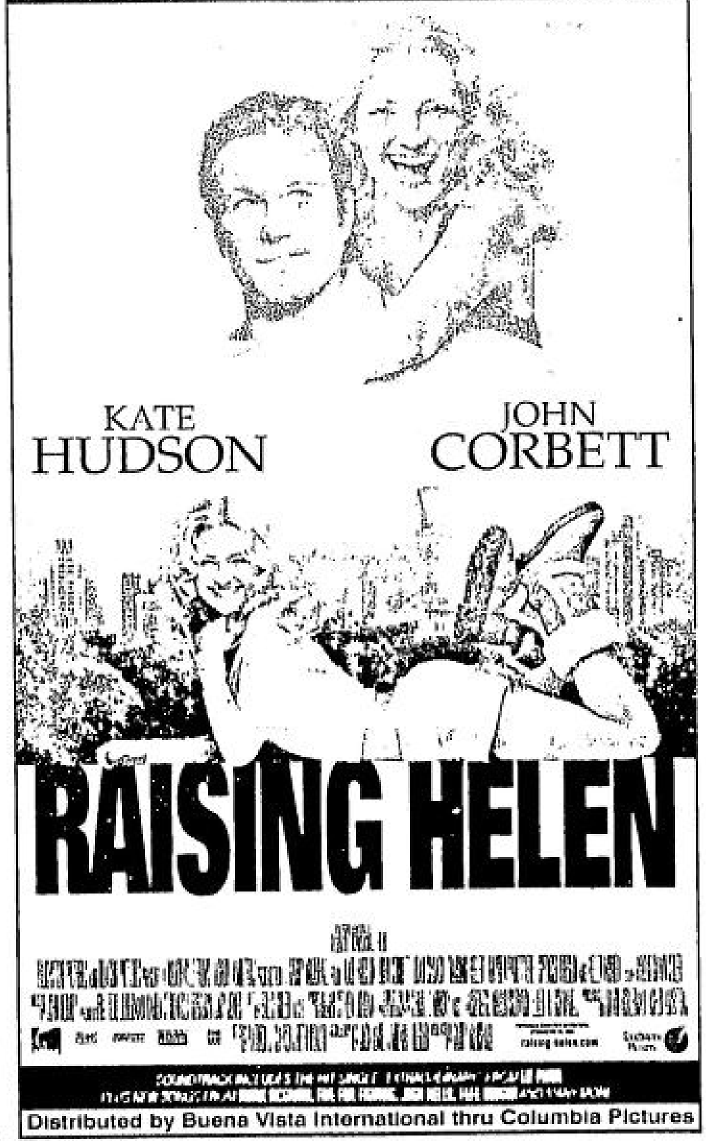

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Michael Moore, uncensored

By Ruben V. Nepales
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INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

LOS ANGELES—Michael Moore's cell phone rings in the middle of a press conference.

"Excuse me," says the controversial Oscar-winning filmmaker as he proceeds to answer the phone. Without skipping a beat, the well-known President Bush-basher says, "Hello? Mr. Bush. Yes, I'm in the middle of a big press conference here." He raises the cell phone toward the laughing journalists and tells them, "Say hello!"

"Hello!" the reporters yell.

"Talk to you later, bye-bye," says a grinning Moore, whose documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," won the plum Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes film festival. He puts down the phone. "The kid was a lawyer," he says, identifying the caller, and laughs. "God knows what that's about! Sorry."

With that statement, Moore proceeds to give us one of the most fascinating press cons we've attended in our career. His reply to INQUIRER's question as to why President Bush lingered in a Florida classroom (reading "My Pet Goat" to second graders) while two planes hit the Twin Towers is notable. The session, which began in mid-afternoon, could have gone on past midnight and the press would still have more questions for the former seminarian.

The man who was one of the first 18-year-olds elected to public office (a seat on his local school board) in the US is a born storyteller. He is very funny when he recounts, in his perfect imitation of Gollum in "The Lord of the Rings," Oscar night 2003. He jokes that a Gollum-like force tugged at him: Should he lash out at President Bush and the then just launched invasion of Iraq or not? Deciding to speak against Bush and his war, which was popular at that time, Moore was booed in his acceptance speech for winning the Oscar for best documentary feature for "Bowling for Columbine."

He may have another shot at an Oscar acceptance speech. Variety magazine reports that "Fahrenheit 9/11" was not submitted for consideration in the best documentary category, where it would have been a strong contender, but was instead fielded in the best picture and other major categories.

The film, described as a "searing examination of the Bush administration's actions in the wake of the tragic events of 9/11," has earned a record $117.5 million in the US alone and is now the highest-grossing feature-length documentary. Who would have thought a documentary would join movies like "Shrek 2" and "Spider-Man 2" as among the top-earning 10 films in the US summer of 2004?

It is ironic, though, that Moore, an institution-basher in rumpled clothes, is accompanied at the press con by two bodyguards in suits. Asked when he decided to hire the bodyguards, who are an unusual sight at a Hollywood press con, Moore smiles and asks, "What makes you think I have bodyguards? What makes you think they're mine? One guy is my chef, and the other guy is my Pilates instructor."

Finally he confesses, "The studio and their insurance company (laughs) hired an agency to do the logistics and the security and stuff. But I'm personally not worried."

You must get a lot of threats.

I get hate mail like everybody does in this sort of thing. I guess the assumption you're making is that the right wing is violent, or has violent elements within it.

One of the more fascinating parts of the documentary is the one in which President Bush is told that America is under attack and that the second tower has been hit while he is in a Florida classroom of second grade kids. But then he stays in the classroom reading "My Pet Goat" for nearly seven minutes. Do you think he was simply stunned or was he planning his move?

It's a very good question, because I've thought about it a lot. You know, it wasn't just the six or seven minutes that he was

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BUSH-BASHER. Moore (right) says "I'm a filmmaker and a writer. I'm not a Democrat. I'm a member of the Democratic Party"

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OSCAR 2004. Moore, who gives INQUIRER Entertainment's LA correspondent a very fascinating interview, has another shot at the Oscar. RUBEN V. NEPALES

sitting there in the classroom. He stayed at that school a full half hour after being told the second plane hit the towers. Their answer was, "Well, he didn't want to scare the children." (Laughs) He's just been told America is under attack. That means, as the commander-in-chief, he's a target. The last thing you want to do is surround yourself with 300 children! Get yourself away from the children. Instead, he stayed in the school.

I was looking at it again last night. I was on a show and they showed that clip. I had the feeling that perhaps they forgot he was there. (Laughs) Now, think about this. Because you've heard (Vice President) Cheney describe what was going on in the White House. Cheney was in charge. Cheney was calling the shots. Cheney, I think, came up with the idea of shooting the plane down and then told Bush.

Cheney tells the story about how he was immediately lifted up by the Secret Service and carried down to the bunker. Immediately, right? But Bush is left sitting in a classroom. I think they were so busy trying to figure out how to respond because the nation was under attack that they forgot he was sitting there! (Laughs) And he looks like a child lost in the shopping mall. "Where are my parents?" (Laughs)

There was a British general who went to the premiere of "Fahrenheit 9/11" in London. He came out of the movie and he said, "I've seen that look before, that look in his (Bush's) eyes. And I'll tell you what. If I was under attack, and a lieutenant of mine had that look on his face, he would be immediately relieved of his command. I know that look, and it's the look of someone who's paralyzed and cannot act or function, and must be removed immediately and must be relieved of his command."

They should play those seven minutes over and over again. If Americans are truly afraid, that should make them go through the roof.

Why do we see less of you onscreen in this film?

The subject matter in this film was so strong and powerful that I did not want to get in the way of it. As far as the comedy in the film is concerned, there's no way I could write funnier lines than George W. Bush, so I felt, better that I play the straight man and let him have the laughs. I just haven't felt like going in front of the camera.

One of the reasons your movie has been so successful is that your voice is one of the few expressing loud dissent.

Well, I think a lot of people are afraid to speak out because they see what happens to people like me. Nobody wants to be booed on the stage of the Kodak Theater. It was the fifth day of the war, and I'm on that stage, and it's an awfully risky thing to do. I had to decide at that moment. That was my Oscar moment. I've earned that. I was thinking, this will never happen again in my lifetime. This is a moment of joy. And I get to celebrate me.

And walking up those steps, they're all standing, and I'm like, I've got two voices in my head essentially. One's going (in his Gollum voice), "Just blow them a kiss and walk off the stage." And the other one is going, "No! You have a job to do. (Laughs) You have a job to do! You must say something." "No!!! Oscar, Precious! (laughs) Precious! Oscar! You want Oscar! (laughs) No! Oscar, evil! Bad." (Laughs)

That all took place in about five seconds in my head.

I'll tell you a story. A soldier stopped me on the street a few weeks ago. He said, "I was out on a ship off Iraq on the night of the Oscars. They brought us the Oscars on the ship. We all booed you when you said that. I was so angry at you that you said what you said. I've just come back. I've been there for a year. I want to apologize to you for being angry at you that night."

I said, "You don't apologize to me. We apologize to you. The American people need to apologize to you for putting you in harm's way when it wasn't for the self-defense of the country, when in fact it was to line the pockets of those who are the benefactors of the Bush family. We owe you an apology. What was your crime? That you believed your President, your Commander-In-Chief? You believed him. There's nothing wrong with that. You should be able to believe your President. You should be able to believe what comes out of his mouth. If we don't have that, what are we left with?"

At some point, you have to decide if you're going to be a person of courage and conscience, and no matter what the risks are, you have to stand up. I'm not upset at those people who booed me. I don't think they'd boo me today. I don't know if I'll ever be let back in the theater but (laughs) maybe, yeah.

When you finished the movie, what kind of hope or expectations did you have? And were there any surprises in the movie's journey?

I've been most surprised by the response from the troops and their families. I have over 1,500 letters now from soldiers in Iraq. I'm going to put them out in a book before the election because I want the American public to read these letters. They're so powerful. The letters aren't about the film so much as, "Mike, I want to tell you what's going on here. I want to tell you what we're being run through." The stuff that you're just not going to hear on the evening news. And why should you? G.E. already has $600 million dollars in contracts in Iraq. They own NBC. Disney, we already know where they're at. They own ABC.

My hope for the film is that it would have some effect on people. Not just for this election, because these issues are going to be with us next year. On the issues in the film about terrorism, the war on terror, do we give up our civil liberties to fight the war on terror? The Iraq situation. We're going to have all these with us a year from now, regardless of who is in the White House.

I want people to think about the larger issues, about how fear is used to manipulate you, the people.

Bush could win as best actor in a comedy.

I would sit at Bush's table (laughs) if you nominated him.

Do you see yourself as a filmmaker, journalist or a political activist?

I see myself as a filmmaker. I do not see myself as an activist. I think the word activist, when you live in a democracy, is a redundant term. All citizens in a democracy are, by the very fact they live in a democracy, activists. Because you have to be, otherwise it's not a democracy. Democracy is not a spectator sport. It's a participatory event. It only works when everyone is active. So I do my part as a citizen to be active.

I'm a filmmaker and a writer. And I always start my films thinking first about the filmmaking, about the art of it, and not about the politics. Political filmmakers who put the politics first oftentimes end up making pretty lousy movies and doing the cause a disservice, because it's boring or it's just the same. You're not going there to learn anything.

First and foremost, I want to reach people as a filmmaker. If I just wanted to make a political statement, I'd run for office. If I wanted to preach to people, I'd go be a preacher. I've chosen to be a filmmaker. So first and foremost, I want to make the best film you've seen this year. That is my first goal. I want this to be the best film-going experience for you, the audience, this year.

It doesn't diminish the politics. It helps the politics if you're concerned about the art first.

> 'At some point, you have to decide if you're going to be a person of courage and conscience, and no matter what the risks are, you have to stand up. I'm not upset at those people who booed me. I don't think they'd boo me today'

For some reason, Michael Moore becomes the new president of the US. What would be the first three things that you would do?

I would release Puerto Rico. (Laughs). I would bring the troops home from Iraq as soon as possible, but make sure that America pays for the mess that we've created.

Number two, I would immediately start canceling unnecessary Pentagon programs and use that money to gûarantee that every American has health care.

The third thing I would do would be free HBO for everyone. (Laughs) I just think that HBO is so good, with shows like "The Sopranos" and "Six Feet Under." If Americans could see what good TV looks like, and not have to pay for it, it would be a nice little perk.

Can you tell us about the montage of footages of the war, some of which have not been shown before?

I became increasingly angry at the job that the television media was doing in this country. I became committed to showing what was not being aired, and the only way to show it was through the use of clips. I started getting tapes from some people at the networks who were upset themselves. On the side, they were giving me tapes, unbeknownst to their bosses. And then freelancers in Iraq started sending me stuff because they went over there thinking they'd get their stuff on TV. TV wouldn't show it so they gave it to me.

You know the scene in my movie at the beginning where they're all putting on their makeup? Some asked me, "What are you doing? That's a cheap shot, Mike, trying to make fun of them. Everybody puts makeup on in TV."

I said, "That's not why it's in the movie." It's a metaphorical device where I'm saying, "Here begins our little play. And the actors are putting on their makeup." Because the actors, Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Ashcroft, Condoleezza—they're now about to repeat their lines of fiction. I show them as actors putting on their makeup and taking it off at the end of the film. This non-fiction film is about the fiction that we live through during this period.

Have you seen the right and the Republicans attacking me for a statement I made about Americans being amongst the dumbest people on the planet? They've been going after me on this.

I did a one-man show in London and I did a whole routine about how stupid we are. That is like verboten here, right? You cannot (laughs) leave this country and say something bad about America on another shore. But what I was referring to was a National Geographic survey in which they asked geography questions to 18- to 25-year-old Americans. Eighty-five percent of these young adult Americans could not find Iraq on the map. Sixty percent could not find Britain on the map. Tony Blair spends all that time kissing our ass, we don't even know where the hell he is! (Laughs)

But here's the best one. Eleven percent of the American public, 18 to 25 years old, could not find the US on the globe. I'm not making this up. National Geographic, Fall of 2002, did this poll. Because we live in a system of enforced ignorance in this country. It's enforced in school, and then when you're out of school, through the media. The whole thrust is to keep Americans stupid about the world in which we live. If they can get away with that, they can get away with telling us anything.

Look at your newscasts in your countries. How does the evening news begin? I've been to a few of your countries. It doesn't begin with, "Tonight! A drive-by shooting! Three killed in the Southland! We go straight to Greg, tell us, Greg! How's the scene?"

(Laughs) You watch every night in LA, right? "We've got helicopters on the freeway! Let's go there right now! Yes, there's a car traveling fast on the freeway!" You turn on the news in Paris, you turn on the news in London, you turn on the news in Nairobi and you'll hear, "Tonight, economic ministers met in Brussels to discuss the..."

Right? (Laughs) Brussels! The word Brussels is used. Where's Brussels? (Laughs) It's painful to live in a system of enforced ignorance. But you like us as people. There's something very charming about us and our 'simpleness.'

(Laughs) Right? Because we're right out there. It's on our sleeve. We're kind of, "Hey, hey, ha!" (Laughs) There's a lack of pretension about us.

But the good news is that once we do learn the truth, once the facts are uncovered, we come around. And that's what's happened to George W. Bush. From a 90 percent approval rating to 44 percent. From 80 percent supporting the war, now to 54 percent being opposed to it, in a short period of time, because the people were given the truth.

Americans will respond from a good place at their core. At their core, they don't like being lied to. But if you believed him? And you were willing to send your kids over there? Then you discover that he lied? And some of your children are dead as a result of that lie? Do you understand the sense of betrayal average middle Americans feel toward this man?

I'm not a Democrat. I'm not a member of the Democratic Party. I've never met John Kerry.

I'm going to be donating a good chunk of my money from this film to make sure that every vote gets counted. I will lead non-violent, civil disobedience and I will encourage everyone into the streets if they try to steal another election. We will exercise our democratic rights to stop it from happening. They will never get away with this again.

Does any of this take its toll on you personally?

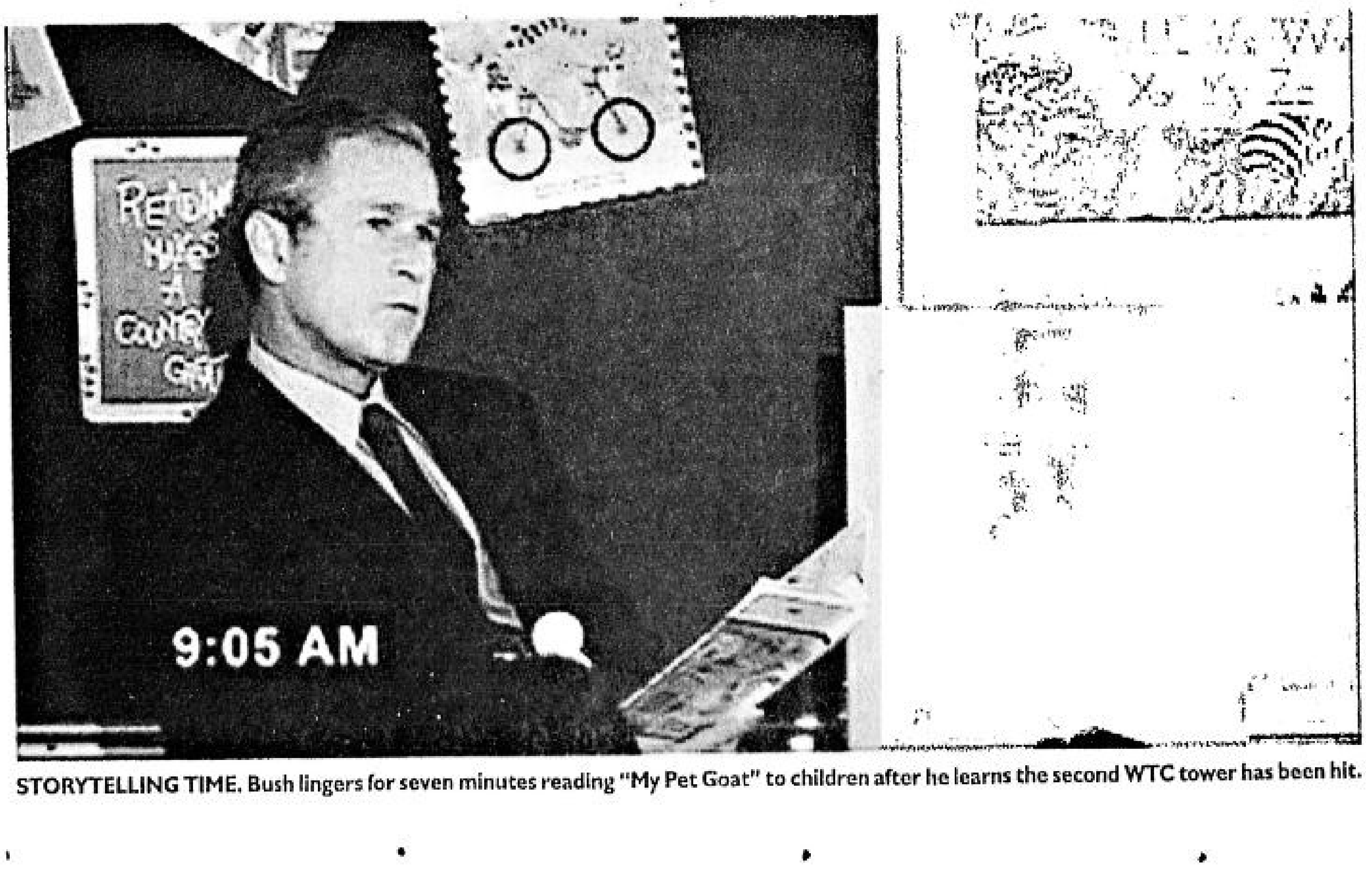
I have not been able to sleep in three months, really, since just before Cannes. Everything has been so exhilarating. Every day is a new battle. Against the forces that want to try and stop the film or stop people from seeing the movie. It's been hard physically to do that, just to keep that up. It's very hard on that level.

Are you still doing a film about the medical insurance system in the US?

Yes, I am. I am going to do a film at some point. I don't know if it'll be the next film, but it may be. It will be on the health care system in the US, or lack of health care system—the insurance companies, the big hospitals, and the pharmaceutical companies.

I don't understand why one of the richest countries on earth allows 44 million of its people to not be able to get help when they get sick. It's a human right.

I have a very good concept for a documentary that will be very funny and damning, and it'll be 90 minutes of punishment for these corporations and politicians who have put us in this situation.



STORYTELLING TIME. Bush lingers for seven minutes reading "My Pet Goat" to children after he learns the second WTC tower has been hit.

'Angels in America' tops Emmy winners

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WE WOKE up bright and early last Monday morning to catch the live satellite telecast of the 56th Emmy Awards for US TV. The show was a combination of heartfelt acceptance speeches and comic digs—and sometimes a combination of both.

Take **Meryl Streep**'s acceptance speech for her award as the best lead actress in a mini-series ("Angels in America"): She started off mock-seriously ("These are some days when even I think I'm overrated") then let loose with a comic twist ("But not tonight!").

The audience loved her. They were even more delighted when she took a playful dig at her co-nominee, **Emma Thompson**, who she said "will hold a grudge (for not winning) for the rest of her life. But who cares?"

Only Meryl Streep could have pulled off that outrageous combination of the serious and the somber, and her fellow stars cheered her on.

Al Pacino wasn't so lucky. When he won as best lead actor in a mini-series, again for "Angels in America," he started off by cracking that **Elaine Stritch**, who had won an award earlier and had gone to great lengths to express her gratitude, had "stolen my speech."

Well, *that* playful dig didn't go over well at all. So, with figurative egg on his face, a glum Pacino cut his losses and concluded his acceptance speech as quickly as he could.

Speaking of "Angels in America," the mini-series based on **Tony Kushner**'s acclaimed stage play about AIDS turned out to be the Emmy's biggest winner, with other trophies going to Kushner, director **Mike Nichols**, and seven other people in the show.

When the smoke cleared, it turned out that the mini-series had set a new Emmy record for the most number of awards won (11) by any single program.

STREEP. The audience loved her.

This achievement was deemed even more remarkable because "Angels in America" isn't exactly gung ho entertainment, and in fact forces viewers to confront some AIDS-related issues that some of them would rather not think about.

Kudos then to HBO for going against standard broadcasting "wisdom" and daring to produce and telecast such a sensitive, provocative drama series.

With the awards won by its other "dark" production, "The Sopranos," HBO ended up ruling the 56th Emmy Awards, an unusual feat for a cable network to pull off—a point that wasn't lost on the "free" channel TV guys who watched the awards show.

Another unexpected winner (for best comedy series) was "Arrested Development." The zany and edgy sitcom vanquished a lot of big shows, and served notice that success on TV these days comes to those who dare.

Ironically, "The Sopranos," "Angels in America" and "Arrested Development" have yet to hit local TV screens, which are partial to less disturbing fare.

We trust that an intrepid TV outfit will make up for that lapse soon—and we promise to support its daring programming move with our avid viewership.

Other "surprise" awards went to "The Amazing Race" for best reality competition, and to the savagely satirical "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" for best variety series. These awards indicate that Emmy voters have learned to think out of the box.

On the other hand, the awards given to the stars of "departed" shows, like **Sarah Jessica Parker** ("Sex and the City") and **Kelsey Grammer** ("Frasier") were completely expected. Only "Friends" ended up out of the winners' circle among the popular series that have concluded their run on the tube.

The 56th Emmy Awards show was overlong and frequently stolid, but it had enough highlights to make it generally viewable.

The best quote of the night? *That* "award" goes to Tony Kushner, who dedicated his award to his life partner, **Mark**, whom he referred to as his husband: "One of these days, we can get a legal marriage license, and you can make an honest homosexual out of me!"

The worst quote? Sarah Jessica Parker's acceptance speech, which went on and on! She thanked everybody she could think of, including "the passers-by who always have good words to say about me."

Parker was kidded about that silly remark by some stars who spoke after her—and with good reason!

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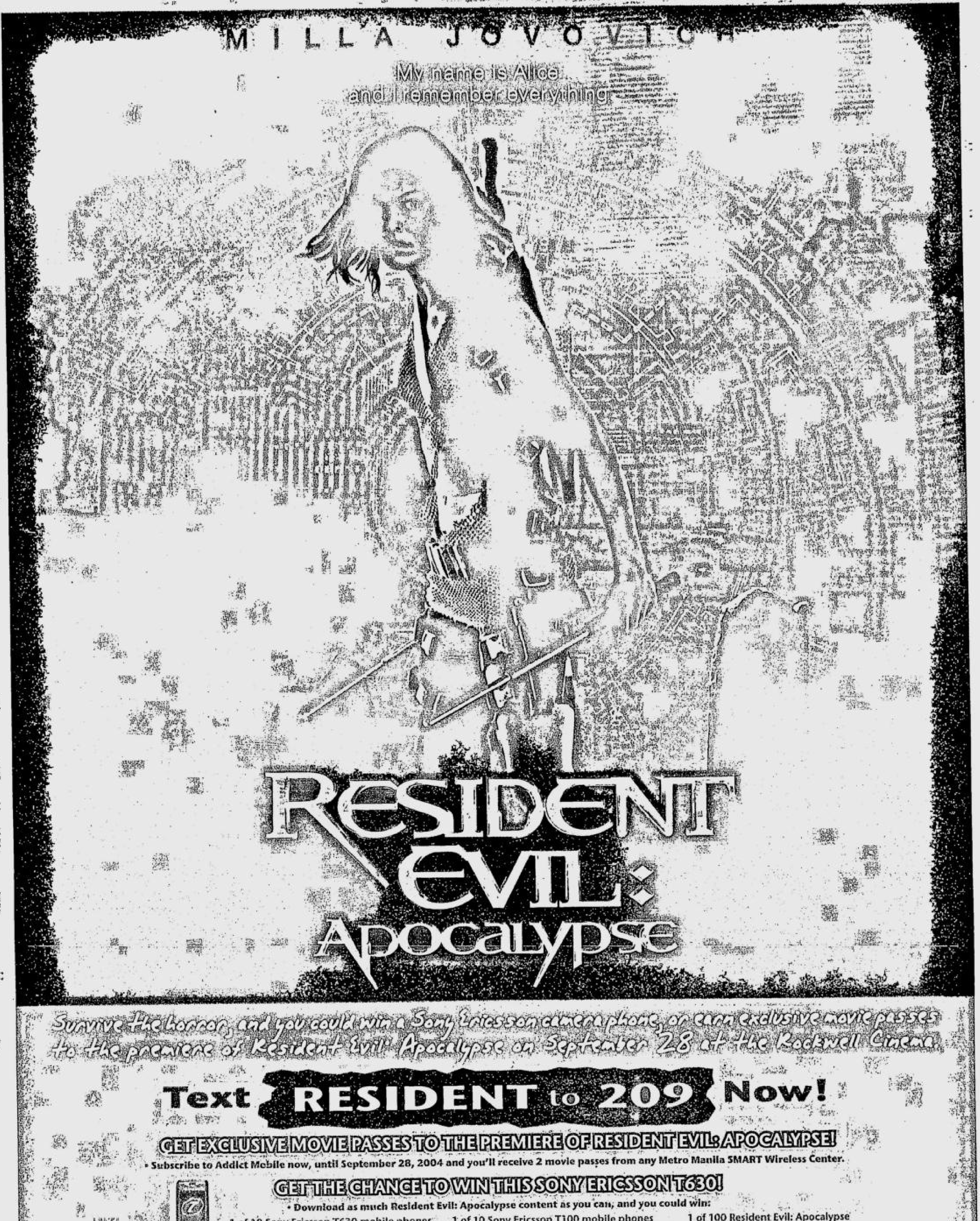

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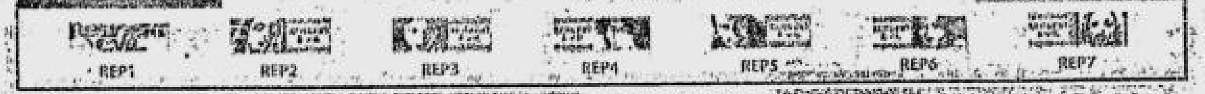

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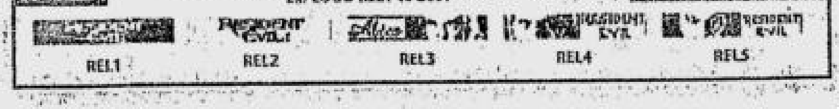

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Business Features Editor **Margie Quimpo-Espino**

IOWAN MAKES IT IN RP

He worked 2 different jobs, and slept only 3 hours a day

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

FACT or fiction?

This man says he held two jobs for seven months in the United States.

Nothing wrong with that except that the only time he slept was during the one and a half hours bus ride each way from one job to another.

He lived on frozen burritos and drank two liters of cola a day.

He did not have a house and took his baths at his alma mater.

He did all this to save enough money to be able to live in a country he fell in love with—a country where he got beaten up on his way to school, simply because he was white.

FIRST JOB

Oh, and this man renounced some members of his family because they discriminate against non-whites, including Filipinos.

These are facts that make up the life story of Robb S. Paulsen, executive vice president and general manager of Berkley Interna-

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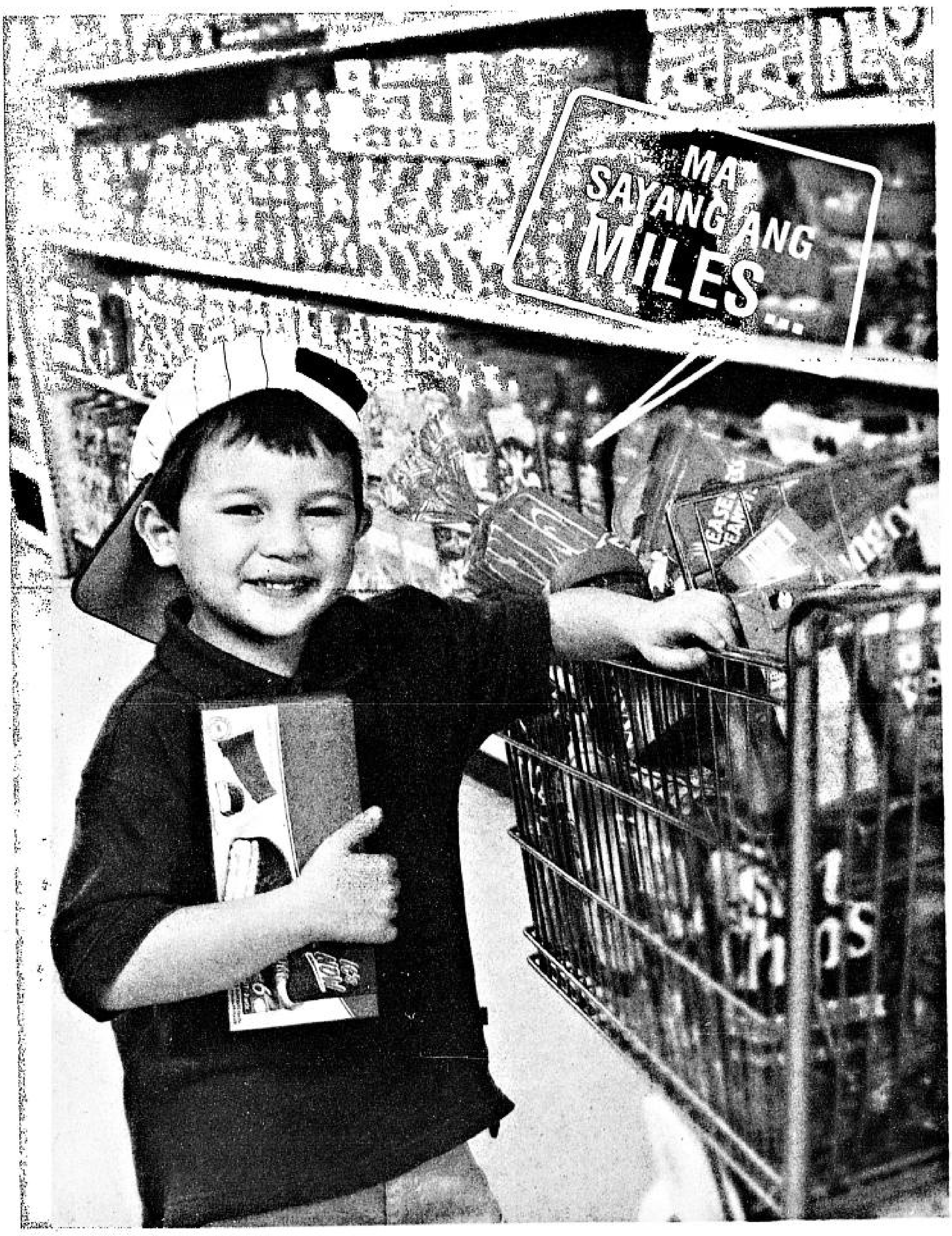
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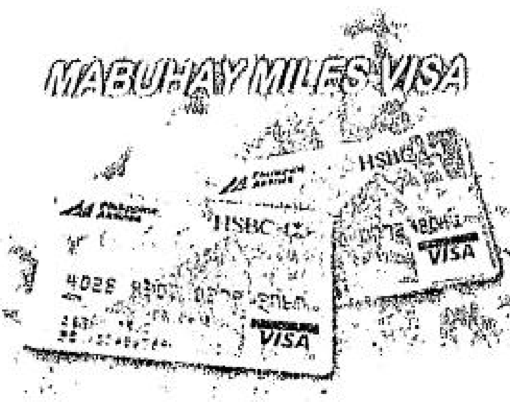

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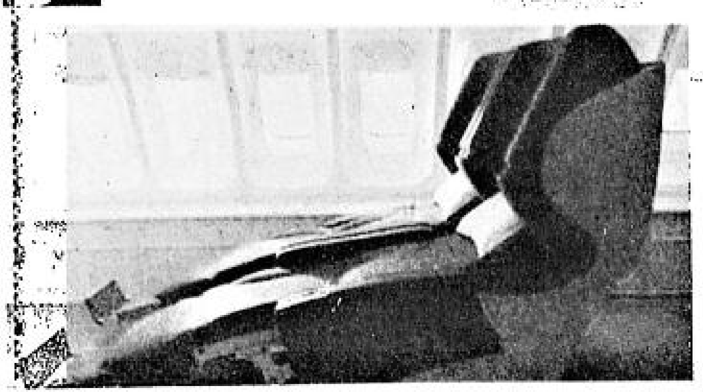

SINGAPORE Airlines offers turndown service in their "SkySuites" with a down-filled mattress, duvet and large pillow.

By Sandra Garcia
Contributor

BUSINESS TRAVEL

HIP Givenchy eyeshades, haircuts and facials before a flight and turn down service (the seat is transformed into a bed, complete with down-filled mattress, duvet and a large pillow), flight attendants bartending a la Tom Cruise in "Cocktails," a personal stationary drawer at the passenger's seat, in-flight massages and manicures are among the in-flight amenities the airlines' first and business class travelers now enjoy.

Singapore Airlines offers eyeshades made of terry cloth material exclusively designed by Givenchy to first class passengers on 2-hour flights or longer. Givenchy designed sleeper suits and Bvlgari toiletry kits for ladies and gents for 3 ½ hour night flights or longer and 7-hour day flights. Turn down service, similar to the hotels, is offered in the airline's SkySuites (for passengers on 7-hour night flights and 9-hour day flights).

Another one of their unique in-flight amenities is the personal stationary drawer complete with a rich, burgundy writing kit with postcards, envelopes, a writing pad and an elegantly-designed pen will be presented at the passenger's seat upon request.

Recipient of the Business Travel World's "Best Asian Business Airline" award for three consecutive years, Malaysian Airlines offers an in-flight Business Center for first and business-class members featuring PC, printer and fax machines, business and travel guides and additional satellite telephones on its B777 SuperRanger flights.

VIRGIN Atlantic offers an in-flight Beauty Treatment area in their Upper Class.

They have also taken the blah out of airline food with their wide selection of gourmet cuisine served on delicate fine China. Their signature dish, satay—skewers of delicately spiced chicken, beef or lamb—are grilled in the traditional manner on a charcoal fire and served with cucumber, onions and a spicy peanut sauce, can be enjoyed on most international flights. The SKYSNAX selection which includes cheese and crackers, chocolates or biscuits are available on Malaysian Airlines' long haul flights.

Business and first class passengers from North America can enjoy complimentary round-trip airport limousine service (available within the North American city from which the flight originates).

Asiana's flight attendants have given a new meaning to customer service with their, would you believe, bartending skills. Their trained cabin crew can mix a mean cocktail with the works—showmanship (move over, Tom Cruise) and all!— on first and business class. On many transpacific routes, the crew will perform stage tricks or individual hand tricks; or they may just stage a random in-flight acoustic concert.

British Airways features Fast Track departure channels at Heathrow and Gatwick, city-center check-in at London Victoria for Gatwick departures and London Paddington for Heathrow departures. The lounge in Heathrow is complete with showers, suit-pressing service, hot breakfast and business facilities.

Virgin Atlantic's "out-of-the-box" first and business class amenities include complimentary haircuts and facials at their hip airport lounge and a private In-flight Beauty Treatment area in their Upper Class (for US to London Heathrow routes) complemented by five massage and manicure treatments.

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He worked 2 different jobs ...

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tional Philippines Inc. Family First Inc.

He is 34 years old and has a tattoo of the Philippine flag on his chest.

KKK country

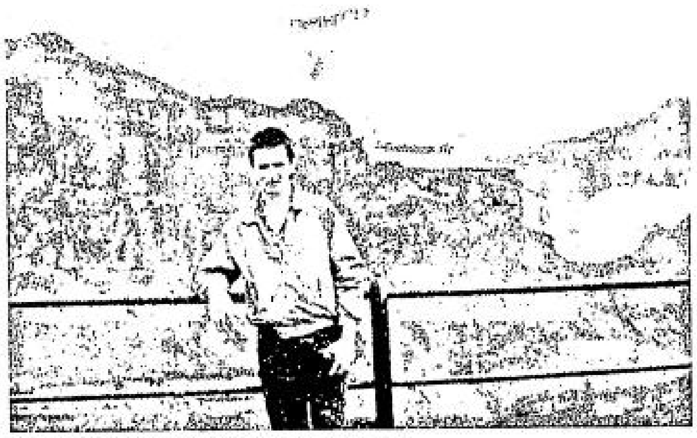
Paulsen grew up in Iowa.

"It was a relatively large town with 60,000 people. It was a real racist area where KKK (Ku Klux Klan) meetings were held. My brothers were racist. There were 1,600 kids in my high school and there was only one black and one Mexican."

His family was relatively affluent when he was young but his parents separated and at an early age, he learned to earn his own keep.

His first job was at a car wash.

"In Iowa, we have long winters. And we get more cars washed during winter than summer," he relates. This is because salt is needed to prevent the car's tires from sinking in the snow. But salt rusts, so when the snow melts, the salt has to be washed off the cars.



PAULSEN, aged 14 at the Grand Canyon

AS a tot in Dubuque, Iowa

The tough part of his job was scraping off the cold snow with one hand, and using the other hand to pour hot water over it to make it melt.

Paulsen did this for three years and he made good money.

He worked from 6 to 10 in the evenings and Saturdays and Sundays.

He earned $4.50 an hour with the rate going up to about $7 a week after a couple of years.

He earned about $250-$280 a week in the mid-'80s.

His co-worker was a 35-year-old ex-convict who had tattoos all over his body.

In between school and work, Paulsen played tennis.

He was a member of his school's varsity team, which won a number of state championships.

Paulsen then went on to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

He was studying history and politics, but after meeting Filipino-Americans, three of whom could still speak the language, and, after spending a vacation in the Philippines, his life changed.

He shifted to Filipino studies and in six months, could speak Tagalog. But falling in love with the Philippines and its people has its price.

One Thanksgiving celebration, Paulsen brought his Filipina girlfriend to his family but one brother called her a "monkey".

He has not spoken to them since and only keeps in touch with his mother, whom he describes as "the only one who can adapt to other cultures."

He went back to the Philippines in 1996, to study social work and community development.

On his way to UP Diliman, he was queuing at the Philcoa junction for a jeep when a group of students accosted him and beat him up. He says the only reason was that he was white.

When he spoke to the group in Filipino, they got even more angry and beat him up some more.

He went to his adviser and told him what happened.

Paulsen says he was told it may or it may not happen again. He decided to quit even before he started.

Not knowing what to do but definite about wanting to stay in the Philippines, he looked for work but failed.

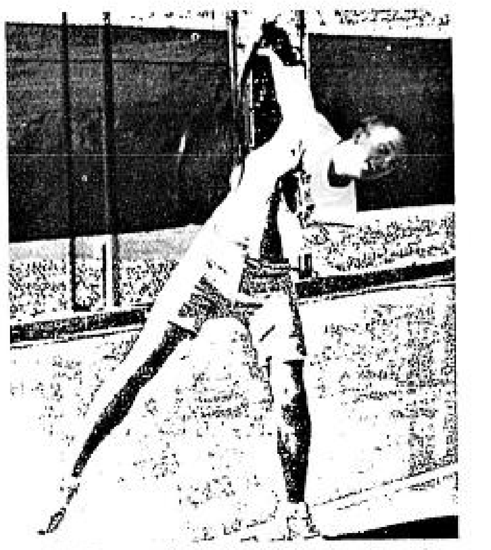
He realized that the only way he could stay was to earn enough money.

That was when he decided to half-kill himself by taking on two jobs to save as much money in the shortest possible time.

He worked at the Wells Fargo Bank in LA during the day and at the Radisson Beverly Pavilion Hotel at night.

Sleep was during the bus trips to and from the two places. Baths were only thrice a week at UCLA. He would use his old ID to gain entry and went straight to the shower rooms.

"I did not sleep on a bed for seven months. I did not want a room because it would become habitual. I might get used to it. The first three weeks were horrible. I could not feel my face. I was so tired," Paulsen recalls.



HE WAS a member of his high school tennis team

FLANKED by his dad and mom, at his high school graduation.

He had diarrhea for six months because all he had everyday was a pack of frozen burritos that cost $1, which he would microwave. He drank two liters of cheap cola everyday that cost about 75 cents.

He learned to use baby powder to keep dry.

In the meantime, his bank account was growing.

"I was earning about $7,000 to $8,000 a month."

Paulsen never set a timetable nor a target amount before quitting his unbelievable life. Until an office mate asked him, "What was the amount you wanted to save? You look bad."

He realized he needed to set a limit, so he set a date and bought a ticket.

In October 1996, Paulsen flew to Manila. From an almost 24-hour work day, Paulsen took it easy during his first few months, sleeping 36 hours straight.

He got married in December 1996. He looked for work after a few months and was accepted by Family First. He says he was employee number 3. He has not been to the US in seven years and does not really want to.

"I love this country. I love my work." And for Paulsen, that's all that matters.

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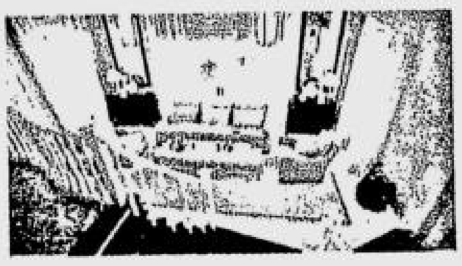

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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

AMA's e-Learning program

THE COUNTRY'S number one computer-based education provider, AMA Education System, is carrying out an extensive e-Learning program for students to take advantage of its broadband infrastructure.

E-Learning, or electronic learning, is a unifying term to describe the fields of online learning, web-based training and technology delivered instruction.

The institution is well-equipped to empower students with highly interactive multi-media programs, thereby making the delivery of quality education more efficient," says Amable Miguel C. Aguiluz IX, president of the AMA Education System.

E-Learning uses the IntraLearn platform through which general and technical course modules designed by AMA's Academic Affairs can be accessed. IntraLearn is a US Web-based learning management system, which enables students to access an extensive database of digital learning resources.

Because educational materials are delivered through audio and video, students are more motivated to learn. There is greater learning convenience because course modules are readily accessible through the web. They can study lectures in advance or do a recap through any Internet-enabled computer unit. Absences will also prove to be no excuse for missed schoolwork and deadlines as lectures, course contents and assigned schoolwork can be downloaded from the Web.

In the e-learning program, teachers are not physically present anymore. Instead, the day's lessons will be broadcast over the Web, now termed "webcast." After the lecture, students are given the chance to ask questions by typing their inquiries in a computer unit installed specifically for that purpose. The teacher then answers their questions while being Webcast.

While it has revolutionized the way in which education is delivered, AMA's e-Learning program does not totally do away with the teacher-student interaction. It, however, casts the teacher in a new role. From being an instructor, she now assumes the role of a mentor, guide, motivator and counselor, readily accessible online to her students.

"Aside from the standardized syllabi, lecture notes, and other course materials given online through this e-Learning portal, online interactive discussions between instructor and students are made possible through chat rooms and newsgroups," asserts Patrick T. Azanza, vice president for academic affairs.

Moreover, with e-learning, a uniform content is received by each and every student. This means that students in Mindanao are guaranteed to receive the exact contents of the module received by fellow e-learners in Manila.

Possessing the advantages of a dynamic Internet infrastructure, as well as the fact that all AMA students each have individual access to this infrastructure, online delivery of the module's lessons via IntraLearn is assured.

"Due to AMA's reliable DS 3 network, connectivity is assured 24/7 for all AMA campuses nationwide, as well as for international campuses in Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia and Hong Kong. This is value-added service that only AMA can offer," Aguiluz IX states.

With AMA's use of original and state-of-the-art software and PCs powered by the latest Pentium and AMD processors, students can now enjoy the advantages of a world-class AMA education and be assured of higher employability because of the university's global partnerships with world leaders in IT, education and business.

ON-LINE '79 PAYS COURTESY CALL ON FR. RECTOR LAO OF LETRAN
Members and officers of On-Line '79, the alumni foundation of the Colegio De San Juan De Letran High School Class of 1979, pays a courtesy call on president and rector of Letran Rev. Fr. Edwin Lao O.P., at the Rectors Office, Colegio de San Juan de Letran last Sept. 7. This event serves as the kick off activity of the homecoming celebration which will climax with a grand homecoming in the Letran grounds on Nov. 20.

MALE BALDNESS IS A MEDICAL CONDITION
A healthcare information advocacy initiated by the collaborative efforts of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) and the pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) Philippines, ProHair aims to generate widespread awareness for male pattern hair loss (MPHL) commonly known as baldness, as well as inform and educate male baldness sufferers that MPHL is a medical condition therefore it must be addressed by dermatologists (hair and skin experts). Photo shows during the ProHair media forum (from left): MSD public affairs officer Carole Lopez, PDS president Dr. Francisca Roa, PDS fellow Dr. Gio Dimayuga and MSD corporate affairs director Christine Liwanag. Contact ProHair hotline 878-3668, fax 813-1172 or email in inquire@prohair-info.com.

Alicia keys: Not just another pretty voice

FOR NATIVE New Yorker Alicia – who studied the classical music of Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin, the jazz stylings of Oscar Peterson, Fats Waller and Marian McPartland and the essential black music of Nina Simone, Donny Hathaway, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder while listening to Tupac Shakur, The Notorious B.I.G., Jay-Z and the Wu-Tang Clan among others as contemporary inspirations – the choice of the right recording environment for. working on her second album "The Diary of Alicia Keys" was critical.

"I normally record out of my house but I was moving so I had to find a studio which would be like a home away from home. I decided I'd try this one place that had been recommended to me. It was a spot in Noho, downtown Manhattan and I figured if I did one song there and the vibe was good, I'd do the album there. The song was "Nobody Not Really" and it was perfect. It was private, quiet – no platinum records on the wall, kinda Zen like. And that's where I did most of the album over a period of about eight months…"

Such is the hard work for the album and her songwriting that Alicia says: "When the final album was done, I was ecstatic," Alicia states. "I really felt the energy of the songs and hearing them as one piece of work, I was able to say 'yes, this is who I am right now.' I'm very proud, very happy and so excited about offering the album to the world."

For her Manila concert, Alicia will be performing songs from her latest album and more! Another highlight will be the opening numbers of our very own R&B royal couple Luke Mejares and Manila's R&B Princess Kyla. The Alicia Keys World Tour at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 9, is presented by Smart Gold, No Curfew watch stores and Tommy Hilfiger watches. For inquiries call Ticketnet at 911-5555 or visit www.ticketnet.com.ph.

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CalEnergy and NIA officials present the 2004 Casecnan Awards to Bagong Silang IA and Buluan-Pigcawayan IA. From left: Ramon Bugacia, NIA Institutional Development division manager; Marcelino Tu[illegible], NIA deputy administrator; Ligaya Baling of the Buluan-Pigcawayan IA; Raymond Cunningham, Casecnan Multipurpose Project general manager; Marivic Marco, director of the Buluan-Pigcawayan IA; Victorino Aron, Institutional Development Section chief on behalf of Bagong Silang IA; Joseph Sullivan, CalEnergy president; and Linda Castillo, CalEnergy vice president for legal and corporate affairs.

Cocoplans receives award from CUP

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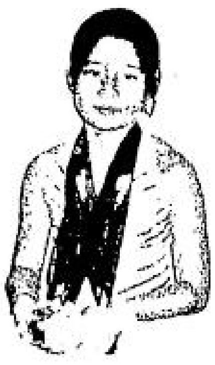

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THE COUNTRY'S number one computer-based education provider, AMA Education System, is carrying out an extensive e-Learning program for students to take advantage of its broadband infrastructure.

E-Learning, or electronic learning, is the unifying term to describe the fields of online learning, web-based training and technology delivered instruction.

"The institution is well-equipped to empower students with highly interactive multi-media programs, thereby making the delivery of quality education more efficient," says Amable Miguel C. Aguiluz IX, president of the AMA Education System.

E-Learning uses the IntraLearn platform through which general and technical course modules designed by AMA's Academic Affairs can be accessed. IntraLearn is a US Web-based learning management system, which enables students to access an extensive database of digital learning resources.

Because educational materials are delivered through audio and video, students are more motivated to learn. There is greater learning convenience because course modules are readily accessible through the web. They can study lectures in advance or do a recap through any Internet-enabled computer unit. Absences will also prove to be no excuse for missed schoolwork and deadlines as lectures, course contents and assigned schoolwork can be downloaded from the Web.

In the e-learning program, teachers are not physically present anymore. Instead, the day's lessons will be broadcast over the Web, now termed "webcast." After the lecture, students are given the chance to ask questions by typing their inquiries in a computer unit installed specifically for that purpose. The teacher then answers their questions while being Webcast.

While it has revolutionized the way in which education is delivered, AMA's e-Learning program does not totally do away with the teacher-student interaction. It, however, casts the teacher in a new role. From being an instructor, she now assumes the role of a mentor, guide, motivator and counselor, readily accessible online to her students.

"Aside from the standardized syllabi, lecture notes, and other course materials given online through this e-Learning portal, online interactive discussions between instructor and students are made possible through chat rooms and newsgroups," asserts Patrick T. Azanza, vice president for academic affairs.

Moreover, with e-learning, a uniform content is received by each and every student. This means that students in Mindanao are guaranteed to receive the exact contents of the module received by fellow e-learners in Manila.

Possessing the advantages of a dynamic Internet infrastructure, as well as the fact that all AMA students each have individual access to this infrastructure, online delivery of the module's lessons via IntraLearn is assured.

"Due to AMA's reliable DS 3 network, connectivity is assured 24/7 for all AMA campuses nationwide, as well as for international campuses in Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia and Hong Kong. This is value-added service that only AMA can offer," Aguiluz IX states.

With AMA's use of original and state-of-the-art software and PCs powered by the latest Pentium and AMD processors, students can now enjoy the advantages of a world-class AMA education and be assured of higher employability because of the university's global partnerships with world leaders in IT, education and business.

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MALE BALDNESS IS A MEDICAL CONDITION

A healthcare information advocacy initiated by the collaborative efforts of the Philippine Dermatological Society (PDS) and the pharmaceutical company Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) Philippines, ProHair aims to generate widespread awareness for male pattern hair loss (MPHL) commonly known as baldness, as well as inform and educate male baldness sufferers that MPHL is a medical condition therefore it must be addressed by dermatologists (hair and skin experts). Photo shows during the ProHair media forum (from left): MSD public affairs officer Carole Lopez, PDS president Dr. Francisca Roa, PDS fellow Dr. Gio Dimayuga and MSD corporate affairs director Christine Llwanag. Contact ProHair hotline 878-3668, fax 813-1172 or email in inquire@prohair-info.com.

ON-LINE '79 PAYS COURTESY CALL ON FR. RECTOR LAO OF LETRAN

Members and officers of On-Line '79, the alumni foundation of the Colegio De San Juan De Letran High School Class of 1979, pays a courtesy call on president and rector of Letran Rev. Fr. Edwin Lao O.P., at the Rectors Office, Colegio de San Juan de Letran last Sept. 7. This event serves as the kick off activity of the homecoming celebration which will climax with a grand homecoming in the Letran grounds on Nov. 20.

Alicia keys: Not just another pretty voice

FOR NATIVE New Yorker Alicia – who studied the classical music of Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin, the jazz stylings of Oscar Peterson, Fats Waller and Marian McPartland and the essential black music of Nina Simone, Donny Hathaway, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder while listening to Tupac Shakur, The Notorious B.I.G., Jay-Z and the Wu-Tang Clan among others as contemporary inspirations –, the choice of the right recording environment for working on her second album "The Diary of Alicia Keys" was critical.

"I normally record out of my house but I was moving so I had to find a studio which would be like a home away from home. I decided I'd try this one place that had been recommended to me. It was a spot in Noho, downtown Manhattan and I figured if I did one song there and the vibe was good, I'd do the album there. The song was "Nobody Not Really" and it was perfect. It was private, quiet – no platinum records on the wall, kinda Zen like. And that's where I did most of the album over a period of about eight months..."

Such is the hard work for the album and her songwriting that Alicia says: "When the final album was done, I was ecstatic," Alicia states. "I really felt the energy of the songs and hearing them as one piece of work, I was able to say 'yes, this is who I am right now.' I'm very proud, very happy and so excited about offering the album to the world."

For her Manila concert, Alicia will be performing songs from her latest album and more! Another highlight will be the opening numbers of our very own R&B royal couple Luke Mejares and Manila's R&B Princess Kyla. The Alicia Keys World Tour at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 9, is presented by Smart Gold, No Curfew watch stores and Tommy Hilfiger watches. For inquiries call Ticketnet at 911-5555 or visit www.ticketnet.com.ph.

RODENSTOCK APPOINTS LENSPHIL AS ITS EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTOR

Rodenstock of Germany, the world-famous name in spectacles, lenses, frames and other eyewear, recently appointed Lensphil Inc, a trusted name in the local optical and eye care business as its exclusive distributor in the Philippines. Lensphil Inc and Rodenstock is a cooperative partnership that will provide the local market with a technology - and optical performance - advantage enjoyed by Rodenstock users worldwide. Shown are Rodenstock of Germany principals and Lensphil officials sealing their partnership (from left): Yantri Waldi, export sales manager, Rodenstock; Tetsuki Osawa, area sales manager, International Distribution Partners, Rodenstock; Ophelia Sevilla, president, Lensphil Inc; and Carlos Sevilla, managing director, Lensphil Inc.

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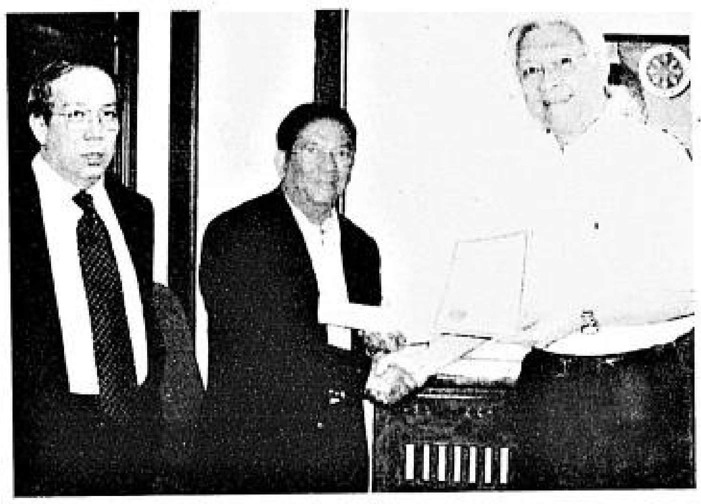

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1	124 sq m TCT No R-16700 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 41, Block 2, Kalachuchi St., Antipolo Hills, Bo. San Luis, Antipolo City	313,800.00
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6	172 sq m TCT No R-12630 Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot16, Block 22, Hyacinth Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	385,800.00
7	200 sq m TCT No R-15836 w/ 3 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained, Bungalow	Lot 9, Block 5, Guyabano Street, Town & Country Executive Vill., Phase 2-A, Mayamot, Antipolo City	1,318,200.00
8	120 sq m TCT No R-17345 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated	Lot 7, Block 5, Cattleya Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	289,500.00
9	180 sq m TCT No R-17343 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 9, Block 1, Amapola Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	441,100.00
10	169 sq m TCT R-8721 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow	No 51 Carolina Avenue, Carolina Village, Marcos Hi-way, Antipolo City	777,300.00
11	120 sq m TCT 249212 w/ unfinished bungalow	Lot 23, Block 17, Kim Street, Piedra Blanca Subdivision, San Isidro, Antipolo City	256,500.00
12	125 sq m TCT No R-15490 4BR &1T&B Fairly Maintained Two Storey Residential Unit	Lot 25, Block 4, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	590,700.00
13	169 sq m TCT No R-17342 no BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 1, Block 22, Natalia Avenue, Corner Aster Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	399,400.00
14	165 sq m TCT No R-18793 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 1, Block 5, Ana Marie corner Hazel Streets, Piedra Blanca Subdivision, San Isidro, Antipolo City	402,500.00
15	185 sq m TCT No R-11640 1BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 6, Block 7, Piedra Blanca Subdivision, Antipolo City	461,900.00
16	120 sq m TCT No R-11643 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 8 Block 56, Anonas Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	429,700.00
17	180 sq m TCT No R-18015 no BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 13, Block 13, Piedra Blanca Subdivison, San Isidro, Antipolo City	373,800.00
18	120 sq m TCT No R-19818 1BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 21, Block 9, Narcissus Street, Antipolo Hills Subd., Phase II, San Luis, Antipolo City	352,100.00
19	165 sq m TCT No R-16500 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 30, Block 56, Anonas Street, Antipolo Hills, Bo. San Luis, Antipolo City	390,000.00
20	200 sq m TCT No R-19831 Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 4, Block 23, Dollar Street, Lores Country Homes, San Roque, Antipolo City	1,408,300.00
21	170 sq m TCT No R-18017 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 20, Block 56, Anonas Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	392,100.00
22	130 sq m TCT No R-14392 w/2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 19, Block13 Carolina Avenue, Carolina Village, Antipolo City	621,900.00
23	150sq m TCT No 249197 w/ 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained,Deteriorated Bungalow **Note: with Lis Pendens**	Lot 34, Block 15, Fleurdeliz Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	334,800.00
24	136 sq m TCT No 2559 cannibalized 1-storey residence	Lot 10, Block 2, Hazel Street, Piedra Blanca, Antipolo City	287,600.00
25	120 sq m TCT No R-15000 w/ 3 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 16, Block 12, Rosal Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	399,700.00
26	147 sq m TCT No R-16496 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 39, Block 7, Magnolia Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	322,900.00
27	150 sq m TCT No R-21033 1BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 19, Block 16 Fleurdelis St., Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	348,400.00
28	149 sq m TCT no R-19600 2BR &1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 24, Block 56, Anonas Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	365,700.00
29	120 sq m TCT No R-16482 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 13, Block 7, Magnolia Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	434,100.00
30	120 sq m TCT No R-20225 with 2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 6, Block 4, Spring Beauty St., Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Bo. San Luis, Antipolo City	303,300.00
31	122 sq m TCT No R-19602 Cannibalized Bungalow	Lot 19, Block 57, Ales Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	293,200.00
32	120 sq m TCT No R-10495 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 6, Block 12, Rosal Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	373,300.00
33	233 sq m TCT no R-18018 Cannibalized/Dilapidated Bungalow	Lot 1, Block 56 Ales Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	489,200.00
34	120 sq m TCT no R-19483 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 27, Block 9, Everlasting St., Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	306,300.00
35	203 sq m TCT no R-19601 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 16, Block 54, Chico Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	556,400.00
36	120 sq m TCT no R-19820 Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 30, Block 9, Natalia Avenue, Antipolo Hills Subd. Antipolo City	297,400.00
37	120 sq m TCT no R-18784 2BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 20, Block 6, Magnolia Street, Antipolo Hills, Phase II, Antipolo City	338,200.00
38	130 sq m TCT NO R-12631 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 45, Block 6, Everlasting corner Amapola Streets, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	390,500.00
39	120 sq m TCT no R-18016 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 9, Block 6, Dama De Noche Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	266,900.00
40	136 sq m TCT No R-17347 Cannibalized Bungalow	Lot 16, Block 2, Piedra Blanca, Antipolo City	285,500.00
41	180 sq m TCT No R-20226 Cannibalized/Residual Structure	Lot 4, Block 1, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, San Luis, Antipolo City	422,000.00
42	120 sq m TCT no R-19479 2BR &1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 26, Block 8, Magnolia Street, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	311,900.00
43	150 sq m TCT No R-15489 w/ 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 17, Block 20, Jasmin Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	337,800.00
44	120 sq m TCT No R-14999 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 11, Block 7, Everlasting St., Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	351,700.00
45	120 sq m TCT No R-14390 w/ 1BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 13, Block 10, Orchid Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	299,900.00
46	120 sq m TCT No R-19480 2BR &1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 4, Block 2, Natalia Avenue, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, San Luis, Antipolo City	345,100.00
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49	173 sq m TCT No R-19603 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 12, Block 13, Rosal Corner Sunflower Streets, Antipolo Hills, Phase 2, Antipolo City	404,800.00
50	299 sq m TCT No R-16702 cannibalized Bungalow	Lot 15, Block 14, Milagros Subdivision, San Jose, Antipolo City	1,069,900.00
51	120 sq m TCT No R-16701 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 4, Block 8 Natalia Avenue, Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	479,000.00
52	120 sq m TCT no R-18782 2BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 31, Block 8, Mariposa Street, Antipolo Hills, Subdivision, Antipolo City	302,800.00
53	150 sq m TCT No R-15382 w/ 2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 16, Block 18, Calachuchi St., Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	395,900.00
54	177 sq m TCT no R-14998 w/ 2 BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 15, Block 22, Hyacinth Street, Antipolo Hills, San Luis, Antipolo City	383,800.00
55	220 sq m TCT no R-18780 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 9, Block 21, Hyacinth Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	473,200.00
56	120 sq m TCT no R-18778 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 13, Block 7, Everlasting St., Antipolo Hills, Antipolo City	344,300.00
57	453 sq m TCT no R-19817 1 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 8, Block 4, Rizal View Park Subdivision, Singalong, Antipolo City	386,800.00
58	166 sq m TCT No R-20227 2 BR & 1 T&B Well Maintained Bungalow	Lot 10, Block 14, Amapola Street, Antipolo Hills Subdivision, Antipolo City	494,700.00
59	120 sq m TCT R-13735 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 20, Block 12, Alexis Street, Piedra Blanca Subdivision, San Isidro, Antipolo City	310,200.00
BULACAN			
60	264 sq m TCT No T-127938 Lot only	Lot 12, Block 13, San Felipe Subd., Mojon, Malolos, Bulacan	580,800.00
61	205 sq m TCT No T-122220 cannibalized bungalow	Lot 7, Block 13, St. Lorraine Subdivision, Tabang, Guiguinto, Bulacan	512,500.00
62	240 sq m TCT No T-253026 (M) w/ 4BR & 2T&B Poorly maintained 2-storey duplex	Lot 14, Block 13, Graceville Subdivision, Muzon, San Jose, Del Monte, Bulacan	678,700.00
63	500 sq m TCT No T-300740 (M) Abandoned & cannibalized bungalow	L2675 H Tugatog Street, Bo. Parada, Sta. Maria, Bulacan	727,000.00
CALOOCAN CITY			
64	86 sq m TCT No C-303154 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	No. 20 Daisy Street, Villa Magdalena III, Caloocan City	472,800.00
65	86 sq m TCT No C-369781 3BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 30, Block 16, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	552,300.00
66	116 sq m TCT No C-370008 no BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 2, Block 2, Villa Magdalena II, Caloocan City	582,300.00
67	400 sq m TCT No C-369762 2 BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 14, Block 72, Sapungan St., Amparo Subd., Caloocan City	773,200.00
68	108 sq m TCT No C-365718 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	# 32 Jasmin Street, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	459,600.00
69	81 sq m TCT No C-369584 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 11, Block 5, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	483,971.88
70	93 sq m TCT No C-364848 2 BR & 2 T&B Fairly Maintained Duplex	Lot 8, Block 13, Dahlia Street, Villa Magdalena III, Camarin, Caloocan City	561,850.00
71	105 sq m TCT No C-363774 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 080-A-6-C-8, Clamor Cmpd., Bagumbong, Caloocan City	349,400.00
72	86 sq m TCT No C-366965 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 49, Block 18, Gladiola Street, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	499,400.00
73	180 sq m TCT No C-364844 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	No. 1409 James Street, Villa Maria Subdivision, Deparo, Caloocan City	608,600.00
74	115 sq m TCT No C-364847 2BR & 2T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 4, Block 4, Villa Magdalena III, Camarin, Caloocan City	959,700.00
75	88 sq m TCT No C-362249 Burnt House Bungalow	Lot 7, Block 17, Gladiola Street, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Novaliches, Caloocan City	383,400.00
76	116 sq m TCT No C-363147 2BR & 1T&B Well Maintained Bungalow	Lot 2, Block 1, Villa Magdalena II, Camarin Road, Caloocan City	761,300.00
77	88 sq m TCT No C-363153 1BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 41, Block 17, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	551,000.00
78	80 sq m TCT No C-363397 4BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 25, Block 11, Villa Magdalena III, Camarin, Caloocan City	546,800.00
79	100 sq m TCT No C-362245 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 5, Block 11, Sagrado Village, Deparo, Caloocan City	480,700.00
80	120 s q m TCT No C-366942 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 8, Block 10, Sundser Avenue, Sunriser Village, Camarin, Caloocan City	867,700.00
81	134 sq m TCT No C-364645 2BR & 2T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 21, Block 9, Villa Magdalena III, Bo. Bagumbong, Caloocan City	949,100.00
82	85 sq m TCT no C-365240 3BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 12, Block 15, Villa Magdalena III, Bagumbong, Caloocan City	552,800.00
83	96 sq m TCT No C-364643 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 1, Block 4, Villa Magdalena II, Bo. Bagumbong, Caloocan City	784,400.00
CAVITE			
84	197.4 sq m TCT # T-1032006 4BR & 2T&B Poorly Maintained Duplex	Lot 12, Block 4, Santiago Subd., Anabu II, Imus, Cavite	975,200.00
85	174 sq m TCT No T-1032004 Abandoned/Cannibalized Bungalow	Lot 6, Block 4, Dao Street, Perpetual Village 6, Mambog, Bacoor, Cavite	605,800.00
86	211 sq m TCT No T-1065942 4 BR & 2T&B Deteriorated One- Storey Duplex	No. 196 & 198 Sta. Rita Street, Duplex Homes Subdivision, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite	632,600.00
87	180 sq m TCT T-937865 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 28, Block 3, Peru Street, Sunshine Homes, Phase 3, GMA, Cavite	519,100.00
88	272 sq m TCT no T-21547 Dilapidated-structurally unsafe two-storey	Lot 2&3 Judge Deogracias Solis Street, XIII Martinez San Antonio, Cavite City	880,000.00
89	180 sq m TCT No T-1064555 4BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	No. 20, Guerero Street, Bahayang Pag-asa, Phase VI, Molino, Bacoor, Cavite	741,700.00
90	180 sq m TCT No T-613951 w/ 2BR & 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow	Lot 13, Block 3, Sunshine Homes, Phase 3, GMA, Cavite	527,850.00
91	160 sq m TCT No T-1032002 2 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 34, Blk 3, Sunshine Homes, GMA, Cavite	520,200.00
MANDALUYONG CITY			
92	38.50 sq m TCT No 18882 2BR &1T&B Well Maintained Newly renovated 3 Storey with roof deck	Unit H-9, Lane Street, RSG Townhomes, Calbayog, Mandaluyong City	1,382,700.00
MARIKINA CITY			
93	130 sq m TCT No 424306, 4 BR & 2T&B Fairly Maintained one storey duplex	Lot 14-D-5, Molave Hills Top, Molave Street, Marikina Heights, Marikina City	669,700.00
MUNTINLUPA CITY			
94	226 sq m TCT No 9864 2 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 20, Clover Street, Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	720,100.00
95	300 sq m TCT No 177412 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained	Lot 21, Block 1-C Diamond Park, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	931,500.00
96	150 sq m TCT No 12213 Residual Structure **Note: with Lis Pendens**	Lot 1502-L-9-D San Guillermo Street, Arciaga Compound, Muntinlupa City	108,200.00
97	278 sqm TCT No 179772 3BR & 2T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	L1294-B-13 South Superville Subd., Putatan, Muntinlupa City	1,115,500.00
98	209 sq m TCT No 9901 2 BR and 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 17, Block 3-A Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	831,400.00
99	319 sq m TCT No 9902 3 BR and 2 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow **Note: with mortgage/Adverse Claims/Lis Pendens**	Lot 24, Blk 3-E, Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	1,072,500.00
100	127 sq m TCT No 12567 3BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 113-D, Block 8-G, Pearl Heights, Victoria Homes, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	569,800.00
101	139 sq m TCT 7944 2BR and 1T&B deteriorated bungalow	L7-A Blk 2-J Emerald Hills Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan Muntinlupa City	443,900.00
102	300 sq m TCT No 12533 2BR & 1T&B Very Poor/ Dilapidated Bungalow	Lot 40, Block 1-C Sparrow Point, Diamond Park, Victoria Homes Subd. Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	780,000.00
103	150 sq m TCT No 11568 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 8, Block 2, Sto. Nino Village, Phase 3, Bo. Bagbagan, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	788,100.00
104	255 sq m TCT 7945 abandoned/ cannibalized bungalow	L272-B-7-A Interior San Guillermo Street, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	319,900.00
105	163 sq m TCT No 11151 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 21, B Phase 6-A, Pearl Heights, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	485,500.00
106	162 sq m TCT No 12486 2 BR & 1 T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	L1502 L-6-B, Arciaga Compound, San Guillermo Street, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	172,000.00
107	240 sq m TCT No 17534 2BR & 1T&B Dilapidated Bungalow	No. 9905 Buckner Street, Jade Heights, Victoria Homes, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	695,700.00
108	200 sq m TCT No 210017 Cannibalized Bungalow (not livable)	Lot 272-B-7-C, Interior San Guillermo Street, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	220,000.00
109	300 sq m TCT No 211568 w/ 2BR and 1T&B Deteriorated bungalow	No 75 Eastridge Diamond Park, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	840,900.00
110	146 sq m TCT No 12301 2BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	No 9 Dona Anastacia Avenue, Pearl Heights, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	425,200.00
111	138 sq m TCT No 10076 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 19, Pearl Heights, Phase 6-A, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	470,600.00
112	155 sq m TCT No 12569 2BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 10, 3rd Avenue Pearl Heights, Phase 6A, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	547,300.00
113	103 sq m TCT No 11068 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 3, Emerald Hills, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	333,400.00
114	115 sq m TCT No 12588 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 1, Block 2, La Charina Heights, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	670,300.00
115	102 sq m TCT No 11150 2BR &1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 9-A-6, Emerald Hills, Victoria Homes, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	336,300.00
116	259 sq m TCT No 10075 4BR & 2T&B Deteriorated One Storey Duplex **Note: with notice of Adverse Claims and Lis Pendens**	Lot 2, Blk 5-F Bach Cor. Donak Streets, Jade Heights Victoria Homes,Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	824,900.00
117	200 sq m TCT No 187574 w/ 2BR and 1T&B abandoned bungalow	L272-B-7-B San Guillermo St., (Interior) Putatan, Muntinlupa City	256,000.00
118	166 sq m TCT No 12486-A 2 BR& 1 T&B Dilapidated Bungalow	Lot 7, 3rd Avenue, Pearl Heights, VHS,Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	507,400.00
119	154 sq m TCT No 8737 2 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 38, Pearl Heights, PH6-A, Victoria Homes, Subdivison, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	512,200.00
120	240 sq m TCT No 11064 2BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 37, Blk 5-J, Jade Heights, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	703,549.00
121	240 sq m TCT 9863 2BR and 1T&B bungalow, deteriorated	Lot 47, Block 5-C Jade Heights, Victoria Homes Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	684,900.00
122	160 sq m TCT No 11214 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Single Unit (Approved as Duplex)	Lot 10, Block 4, RM. Tiosejo Subdivision, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	987,900.00
123	176 sq m TCT No 11215 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 2, Blk 8, Verona Drive, Camella II-D Subdivision, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	916,500.00
124	153 sq m TCT No 12535 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 27, Pearl Heights, Victoria Homes Subdivison, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	501,000.00
125	300 sq m TCT No 12793 with 2 BR & 1 T&B Newly Reconstructed Bungalow	Lot 7, Block 3-F, Marigold Street, Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Subd. Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	924,900.00
126	139 sq m TCT No 9665 w/ 3 BR & 1 T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 14, Block 9, Joanna Street, corner Sofia Street, Camella Homes, Ph. 2D, Putatan, Muntinlupa City	800,200.00
127	300 sq m TCT NO 10781 2 BR Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 31, Block 3-E, Ruby Park, Victoria Homes Subdivison, Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	798,800.00
128	240 sq m TCT # 11865 Deteriorating Bungalow 2BR & 1T&B	Lot 16, Block 5-D, Bizet St., Jade Heights, Victoria Homes Subd., Tunasan, Muntinlupa City	875,200.00
PARANAQUE CITY			
129	183 sq m TCT No 158944 2 BR and 2T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 17, Block 7, Polo Street, Camella Homes, Brgy. Ibayo, Paranaque City	1,388,500.00
QUEZON CITY			
130	96 sq m TCT No N-259817 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 8, Block 4, Faith Street, Jordanville Subdivision, Baesa, Quezon City	727,500.00
131	176 sq m TCT No N-254937 4BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 20, Block 6, Gilmore Street, Hobart Village, Novaliches, Quezon City	1,291,400.00
132	240 sq m TCT No N-244584 Poorly Maintained Unfinished Bungalow	No. 395 Villa Verde Avenue, Villa Verde Homes, Novaliches, Quezon City	1,590,800.00
133	770 sq m TCT 102593 5BR and 4T&B bungalow, deteriorated	#9 San Francisco St., San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City	3,924,100.00
134	79 sq m TCT No N-259818 4BR & 2T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 39, Block 7, Convent Street, Diamond Village, Novaliches, Quezon City	689,800.00
RIZAL			
135	150 sq m TCT 687371 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow	Lot 8, Block 5, The Village Subdivision, San Isidro, Angono, Rizal	565,500.00
136	566 sqm TCT No 504771 & 504772 Lot Only	No. 47 J. Espina St., Palomo Lake Subd., Kalayaan, Angono, Rizal	905,600.00
137	192 sq m TCT 670105 3BR and 1T&B Fairly maintained Bungalow	Lot 3, Block 10 Mt. Makiling Street, Grand Valley Subdivision, Mahabang Parang, Angono, Rizal	832,600.00
138	107 sq m TCT No 680148 2 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 6, Block 10, Mt. Makiling St., Grand Valley Subdivision, Angono, Rizal	669,600.00
139	240 sq m TCT No M 118992 3BR & 2T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 9, Block 51, Corazon Street, San Carlos Heights, Binangonan, Rizal	788,600.00
140	120 sq m TCT No 99998 Poorly Maintained/ Cannibalized Duplex	Lot 13-A, Chico Street, Villa Ursula, Calumpang, Binangonan, Rizal	342,800.00
141	180 sq m TCT No M-115549 2 BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 11, Block 4,Sunny vale Avenue Sunny vale I, Subd. Darangan, Binangonan, Rizal	569,800.00
142	260 sq m TCT No M-115550 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 3, Blk 31, [illegible] Street, San Carlos Heights, Tayuman, Binangonan, Rizal	827,000.00
143	302 sq m TCT No M-115317 1BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 18, Block 10, J-Cotton Street, Meralco Housing Darangan, Binangonan, Rizal	711,000.00
144	252 sq m TCT No M-65508 w/ 1BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow	No. 14 Swift Street, 4th MERALCO Housing Project, Binangonan, Rizal	870,000.00
145	120 sq m TCT No M-45136 Dilapidated/ Cannibalized Duplex	Lot 13-B, Villa Ursula Subdivision, Calumpang, Binangonan, Rizal	252,800.00
146	120 sq m TCT No M-37118 w/ 1T&B poorly maintained single unit	L16-B, Sta. Ursula Village, Calumpang, Binangonan, Rizal	286,600.00
147	170 sq m TCT No 422559 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 2-A-8, Espiritu Compound, Montalban, Rizal	525,900.00
148	191 sq m TCT No N-2510 3BR & 2 T&B Fairly Maintained One-Storey Duplex	No. 33 Mabolo Street, Torres Compound, Poblacion, Montalban, Rizal	823,900.00
149	121 sq m TCT No 437099 2 BR & 1T&B Deteriorated Bungalow	Lot 10, Block 13, Christineville Subdivision, San Jose, Montalban Rizal	340,700.00
150	170 sq m TCT No 438856 3BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	No. 19 Toblerone Street, Espiritu Subdivision, Manggahan, Montalban, Rizal	583,700.00
151	146 sq m TCT No 442763 2BR & 1T&B Dilapidated/ Deteriorated Bungalow	No. 609, Orange Street, Espiritu Compound, Poblacion,Montalban	439,500.00
152	111 SQ M TCT No 210905 Fairly Maintained,Bungalow	No. 77 B Anita Diaz (Torres) Cmpd., Manggahan Poblacion, Montalban Rizal	614,400.00
153	120 sq m TCT no 442764 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	No. 144 Apple Street, Espiritu Compound, Poblacion, Montalban, Rizal	448,800.00
154	130 sq m TCT No 422584 2BR and 1T&B outside the subject lot fairly maintained Bungalow	#621 Dates St., Espiritu Cmpd Manggahan, Montalban, Rizal	425,500.00
155	177 sq m TCT no 431345 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	No. 012 Galaxy Street, Espiritu Compound, Manggahan, Montalban, Rizal	480,400.00
156	132 sq m TCT No 442762 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	No. 501 Leal Torres Compound, Manggahan, Montalban, Rizal	365,400.00
157	120 sq m TCT no 442760 2BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	#655 Toblerone Street, Espiritu Compound, Poblacion, Montalban, Rizal	412,900.00
158	129 sq m TCT No 250239 w/ 2BR & 2T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	#17 Akle Street, San Jose, Montalban, Rizal	395,800.00
159	143 sq m TCT no 423667 4BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 1-B-4, Hindsview Subdivision, Manggahan, Montalban, Rizal	459,400.00
160	140 sq m TCT No 443043 2 BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 11, Block 11, Christineville Subdivision, San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal	505,900.00
161	173 sq m TCT No 442761 3 BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	# 724 Orange Street, Espiritu Compound, Balite, Rodriguez, Rizal	769,800.00
162	250 sq m TCT No 442766 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 4, Block 5, St. Catherine St., Felicidad Village I, Burgos, Rodriguez, Rizal	841,700.00
163	150 sq m TCT No 438046 3 BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 12, Block 9, Florida Street, Christineville Subdivision, Rodriguez, Rizal	509,500.00
164	180 sqm TCT No 210006 2BR & 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow	L11 B8 Nefra Subd., Patiis, San Mateo, Rizal	256,550.00
165	260 sqm TCT No M-60951 unfinish construction Bungalow	L434 JP Rizal Ave., Brgy. Sampaloc Tanay, Rizal	450,600.00
166	592 sqm TCT No M-83371 Lot Only	L146 Townsite, Brgy. Sampaloc Tanay, Rizal	290,000.00
167	120 sq m TCT No 681152 2 BR 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 16, Santol Street, Dividend Homes, Bo. San Juan, Taytay, Rizal	444,100.00
168	60 sq m TCT No 411001 1 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 3-B Monterey Hills Subd., PH. II, Nangka, San Mateo, Rizal	178,600.00
169	195 SQ M TCT No 442765 1 BR & 1T&B Poorly Maintained Two Storey	Lot 6, Block 8, Felicidad Village II, Ampid, San Mateo, Rizal	681,100.00
VALENZUELA CITY			
170	120 sq m TCT V-70532 6BR & 2T&B Poorly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 1406-F, Benita Homes, Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City	609,400.00
171	170 s q m TCT No V-70410 Abandoned/Cannibalized Bungalow	No. 730 Porciuncula Street, Coloong I, Valenzuela City	312,600.00
172	123 sq m TCT V-65875 2BR and 1T&B bungalow fairly maintained	Lot 411-C-2-C-4 Ilang-ilang St. Veinte Reales, Tugatog, Valenzuela City	392,500.00
173	171 sq m TCT No V-70535 3 BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	Lot 6-B-4, P. Salazar Street, Coloong II, Valenzuela City	605,100.00
174	150 sq m TCT No V-69444 2BR & 1 T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	# 267 Pearl Street, Sta Lucia Village V, Punturin, Valenzuela City	631,600.00
175	81.50 sq m TCT No V-69355 2BR & 1T&B Fairly Maintained Bungalow	# 17 Ilang-ilang Street, Miguelito Homes, Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela City	381,500.00
176	120 sq m TCT No V-69457 w/ 4 BR & 2 T&B Poorly Maintained Duplex	Lot 1406-D, La Mesa Street, Benita Homes, Ugong, Valenzuela City	594,000.00
COMMERCIAL LOTS			
177	1,700 sq m TCT No 41220 Commercial Lots	Block 56, Lot 1, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	187,340,000.00
178	1,796 sq m TCT No 41221 Commercial Lots	Block 56, Lot 2, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	197,919,200.00
179	2,200 sq m TCT No 41222 Commercial Lots	Block 56, Lot 3, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	247,440,000.00
180	2,604 sq m TCT No 41224 Commercial Lots	Block 56, Lot 4, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	286,900,800.00
181	1,805 sq m TCT No 41223 Commercial Lots	Block 57, Lot 2, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	198,991,000.00
182	1,700 sq m TCT No 41225 Commercial Lots	Block 57, Lot 3, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	187,340,000.00
183	2,145 sq m TCT No 41226 Commercial Lots	Block 57, Lot 4, Fort Bonifacio, Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila	236,379,000.00
RESIDENTIAL LOTS			
184	412 sq m TCT No 680270 Residential Lots	Doyles Town Street, Vista Verde Country Homes, Bo. Bulao, Cainta, Rizal	1,771,600.00
INDUSTRIAL LOTS			
185	26,355 sq m RT 5335 Industrial Lots	Brgy. Sta. Ana, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	6,325,200.00
186	76,394 sq m RT 5337 Industrial Lots	Brgy. Sta. Ana, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	18,334,560.00
187	131,273 sq m RT 5338 Industrial Lots	Brgy. Sta. Ana, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	31,505,520.00
188	68,770 sq m RT 5336 Industrial Lots	Brgy. Sta. Ana, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte	16,504,800.00

Complete description of the properties including Bidding Forms and Instruction to Bidders are available at the Real Estate Department, 5th Floor, SSS Building, East Avenue, Quezon City. Please contact **Ms. Rose Fernandez** at Telephone No. 920-64-01 local 5120 to 5127 or **Ms. Lourdes Manahan** at local 5179 to 5182.

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Bidder's deposit, equivalent to at least 30% (if bidder is former owner, their spouses, parents and children) or 10% (if bidder does not fall on the preceding category) of the bid price in cash (Philippine money/U.S. dollar) or in Certified Manager's Check in favor of SSS must be enclosed with the sealed bid. (Any other form or draft purportedly as manner of payment is not acceptable). The bidder must also sign the sealed envelope across its flap. Sealed bid without the bidder's bond will not be entertained.

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9. L-23 B-10, Cottonwood Hts Brgy Bayugo / L A.-266	2,049,000
10 L-21 B-2, Cottonwood Hts. Brgy Bayugo / L A.-355	2,734,000
11 Lot-47 Blk-18,Park Ridge Est Ph.-3 (via Valley Golf) LA-811	2,058,000
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19 Lot-6 Blk -19 / L A.- 1,194	1,194,000
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21 Lot-10 Blk -19-B / L A - 2 245	2,245,000

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24 Lot / Lot-551-A-2-A-3, Pineda Compd, Bonifacio St /LA-1,114 (access via East Service Road)	2,241,000
25 2 Sty. Hse & Lot/Lot-1, 2 & 3 Blk-7, cor.of Aster, Wistana & Forsythia Sts.De Castro Subd Bagbaguin / TLA-650 / FA-547	6,660,000

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26 Agro-Indl Lot / Lot-3671-D S Maragul Tibag / LA-10 001	3,315,000

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# 529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)	
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45 2/F KP Twr. ,CM Recto Ave cor Juan Luna St / FA-658	28,792,000

QUEZON CITY	MIN BID
46 Lot w/ Warehse / # 138 Gen Luis cor Pasacola Rd , Brgy Nagkaisang Nayon,Novaliches L A - 49,504 / F A - 23,384	300,000,000
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50 Ind'l Lot / Lot-2, 6-A, 4-A & B 3, 6-B-1 & 2, Maysan "No right of way" Net LA-12,516 (via Viongco St)	8,003,000
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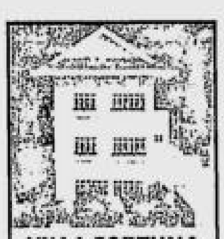

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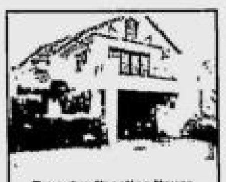

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L A 280sqm F A 680sqm
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Minimum Bid Price P 5,040,000 00

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L A 216sqm F A 161 5sqm
No 16 Skynet St Moonwalk Village,
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Minimum Bid Price P 870,000 00

UCPB 502 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 321sqm F A 190sqm
Daisy St Vergonville Subd
Minimum Bid Price P 1,000 000 00

UCPB 503 - RSDL LOT
L A 240sqm
Lot 4 Block 12 Chromium Road,
Pilar Village Phase 1
Minimum Bid Price P 660 000 00

UCPB 504 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 141sqm F A 65sqm
Unit 5 Estanislao St BF Resort Village
Minimum Bid Price P 1,475,000 00

UCPB 505 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 280sqm F A 303 12sqm
No 20 Polasaps Road Pilar Village
Minimum Bid Price P 2 890 000 00

UCPB 506 - RSDL LOT
L A 292sqm
Pamplona Las Piñas
Minimum Bid Price P 1,162,600 00

UCPB 507 - CONDO UNIT
F A 40 48sqm
4th Floor Wing B Lingayen Building
Coastal Plaza Condo
Minimum Bid Price P 540,000 00

UCPB 508 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 214sqm F A 80sqm
Myrna Portillo St BF Resort Las Piñas
Minimum Bid Price P 1,570 000 00

CALOOCAN CITY

UCPB 509 - COMML BLDG (5 Floors)
L A 200sqm F A 875sqm
196 G Luna cor Lakas ng Manggagawa St
Minimum Bid Price P 3,680 000 00

UCPB 510 - RSDL LOT
L A 240sqm
Along Coaster St Bristonville Subd
Minimum Bid Price P 430 000 00

UCPB 511 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 150sqm F A 174sqm
Adelaida St Vista Verde North Ph I-F
Minimum Bid Price P 1,100 000 00

MANILA CITY

UCPB 512 - OLD APT BLDG
L A 101sqm
No 2013A- C Sianas St Sta Ana Manila
Minimum Bid Price P 1,080 000 00

UCPB 513 - OLD APT BLDG
L A 571 2 sqm
1427 Locban St Paco Manila
Minimum Bid Price P 12 003,000 00

UCPB 514 - APT BLDG (3-STOREY)
L A 361sqm
706 Interior St San Marcelino
Minimum Bid Price P 4 430 000 00

UCPB 515 - OLD HOUSE & LOT
L A 120sqm
No 2043 Anonas St Sta Mesa Manila
Minimum Bid Price P 1,630 000 00

MAKATI CITY

UCPB 516 - COMML BLDG
L A 117 sqm F A 463sqm
Eugene Building P Burgos St
Guadalupe Nuevo
Minimum Bid Price P 6,790,000 00

UCPB 517 - CONDO UNIT
F A 129 62sqm
Unit No 305 3rd Floor Cano Plaza
Condo Corp
Minimum Bid Price P 2,660,000 00

UCPB 518 - COMML LOT
L A 478sqm
Kalayaan corner Kawit St, Sta Cruz, Makati
Minimum Bid Price P 11,950,000 00

UCPB 519 - COMML LOT
L A 701sqm
Newton St Brgy San Isidro
Minimum Bid Price P 4,020,000 00

UCPB 520 - COMML LOT
L A 1,560sqm
No 265 Vito Cruz ext corner Onyx St La Paz
Minimum Bid Price P 50 560 000 00

UCPB 521 - RSDL LOT W/ OLD LOT
L A 746 sqm
19 Paseo De Roxas Ext Bel - Air Village
Minimum Bid Price P 26 185 000 00

UCPB 522 - CONDO UNIT
F A 60sqm
Olympia Tower Makati Ave
Minimum Bid Price P 3 500 000 00

UCPB 523 - CONDO UNIT
F A 21 36sqm
Unit 414 4th flr Asia Mansion I Dela Rosa St
Minimum Bid Price P 970,000 00

MALABON CITY

UCPB 524 - RSDL LOT
L A 115sqm
Nickel St Goldendale Village Tinajeros
Minimum Bid Price P 1 890 000 00

MANDALUYONG

UCPB 525 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 312sqm (2-STOREY)
No 274 Sta Lucia St Plainview
Minimum Bid Price P 6,150 000 00

UCPB 526 - HOUSE &LOT
L A 600sqm F A 342sqm
443 Duke St Greenhills East
Minimum Bid Price P 17 490,000 00

AYALA ALABANG

UCPB 527 - HOUSE &LOT
L A 10 000sqm F A 1 217 92sqm
517 Acacia Ave Ayala Alabang
Minimum Bid Price P132 350,000 00

PASAY CITY

UCPB 528 - RSDL LOT
L A 190 sqm
No 61 E Verdadero Street, District of Malibay
Minimum Bid Price P 1,176,000 00

PARAÑAQUE CITY

UCPB 529 - TOWN HOUSE
L A 226sqm F A 153 6sqm
VJ Town Homes BF Classic Villamor St.
Minimum Bid Price P2,480,000 00

UCPB 530 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 417sqm F A 877 50sqm
Bethsaida St Multinational Village
Minimum Bid Price P 7 290,000 00

UCPB 531 - CONDO UNIT w/ Parking
F A 184sqm
Unit 207 Andalucia Bldg Bella Villa I, Merville
Minimum Bid Price P 4,070,000 00

UCPB 532 - TOWN HOUSE w/ PARKING
L A 103sqm F A 165 88sqm
Unit 28-B Int Yellowstone St
South Green Park Village
Minimum Bid Price P 2,430,000 00

QUEZON CITY

UCPB 533 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 120sqm, F A 294sqm
No 44 Longines St Charbel Subd, Phase 1
Minimum Bid Price P 1,540,000 00

UCPB 534 - HOUSE &LOT
L A 600sqm
41 Sct Limbaga Street Laging Handa
Minimum Bid Price P 13 400,000 00

UCPB 535 - COMML BLDG (2 STOREY)
L A 179 25 sqm
Lot 1-A cor Kamuning Rd & KE St Kamuning
Minimum Bid Price P 4,490 000 00

UCPB 536 - 3 VACANT LOT
L A 44 sqm
No 30 Rd 14 Project 8 Q C
Minimum Bid Price P 484 000 00

UCPB 537 - UNFNSHD RSDL BLDG
L A 102 sqm (4-STOREY)
364 P Rivera Street, Brgy Sangandaan, Q C
Minimum Bid Price P 1,780,000 00

UCPB 538 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 800 sqm (3 LEVELS)
No 60 Highland Drive Bluеridge
Minimum Bid Price P 16 920,000 00

UCPB 539 - CONDO W/ PARKING
F A 120 17sqm
Unit 702 7th flr Jade Place Condo,
Visayas Avenue,
Minimum Bid Price P 3,170,000 00

UCPB 540 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 339 sqm F A 241sqm
No 133 Mt Fairweather Street Filinvest
Minimum Bid Price P 3 900 000 00

UCPB 541 - RSDL LOT
L A 300 sqm
Along Cambridge St Vista Real,
Classica, Phase 3-A
Minimum Bid Price P 1,170,000 00

UCPB 542 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 496sqm F A 188sqm
No 1 Pearl cor Fairlane East Fairview Park
Minimum Bid Price P 2,350 000 00

UCPB 543 - CONDO UNIT
F A 62 90 sqm
Unit C-7 Ground Fr Adelina 2,
Condominium Columbia
Minimum Bid Price P 1 530,000 00

UCPB 544 - RSDL LOT
L A 152 60 sqm
62 Gen Lim Street Heroes Hill
Minimum Bid Price P 1,670,000 00

UCPB 545 - 8 DOOR APRT
L A 465 sqm F A 443sqm
No 63 Banlat St Carmel Subd,
Tandang Sora Q C
Minimum Bid Price P 4,920 000 00

UCPB 546 - RSDL LOT
L A 139sqm
Rolex St cor Buhusa St Charbel Subd Ph I
Minimum Bid Price P 1 100 000 00

UCPB 547 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 586sqm F A 562sqm
44 Zaragosa St Araneta Village
Minimum Bid Price P 7,735 000 00

UCPB 548 - TOWN HOUSE
L A 343 125sqm
10th St New Manila Q C
Minimum Bid Price P 11,290 000 00

UCPB 549 - CONDO UNIT
F A 53sqm
Unit 209, 2nd flr Prince Jun Condo
Minimum Bid Price P 1 410 000 00

PASIG CITY

UCPB 550 - CONDO UNIT w/ Parking
F A 224 sqm (w/ yard area)
4th floor Park Chateau
cor Garnet & Sapphire Sts
Minimum Bid Price P 5 670 000 00

UCPB 551 - TOWN HOUSE
L A 64 92 sqm
Unit 302 4th floor Hampton Gardens Phase 1
Minimum Bid Price P 1 415 000 00

UCPB 552 - HOUSE LOT
L A 257 sqm F A 398 sqm
No 6 Lualhati St
Dona Damiana Subd Rosario
Minimum Bid Price P 1,910 700 00

UCPB 553 - HOUSE & LOT w/ Pool
L A 400 sqm F A 337 50sqm
10 Cucumber St Valle Verde 5, Brgy Ugong
Minimum Bid Price P 13 890 000 00

ANTIPOLO

UCPB 554 - RSDL LOT
L A 222sqm
Ubas St Town & Country Village
Minimum Bid Price P 710 000 00

UCPB 555 - HOUSE &LOT
L A 116sqm F A 72sqm
Sam Remo Mais Alta Hills
Minimum Bid Price P2 853,000 00

UCPB 556 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 185 sqm F A 164sqm
No 3 Coolidge St Cuesta Verde
Executive Village
Minimum Bid Price P 1,180 000 00

UCPB 557 - RSDL LOT
L A 616 sqm
Mount Everest Fairmont Hills Antipolo City
Minimum Bid Price P 1,540 000 00

UCPB 558 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 192sqm F A 120sqm
8 Mayon St Town & Country Hills
Minimum Bid Price P 935 000 00

UCPB 559 - RSDL LOT
L A 180 sqm (unfinished house)
Fatima Village Bo San Isidro Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 235 000 00

UCPB 560 - RSDL LOT
L A 300sqm
New York Bend Palos Verdes Subd, Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 675,000 00

UCPB 561 - RSDL LOT
L A 304 sqm
Cottonwoods Heights Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 1,155,200 00

UCPB 562 - RSDL LOT
L A 240 sqm
Foliage Hills, Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 912,000 00

UCPB 563 - RSDL LOT
L A 346sqm
Hills of Mass Alta Brgy Dalig Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 1,211 030 00

TAYTAY / ANGONO / CAINTA

UCPB 564 - RSDL LOT
L A 345 sqm
No 7 Yakal St Doa Juslas Subd Angono
Minimum Bid Price P 585 000 00

UCPB 565 - RSDL LOT
L A 240 sqm
Williamburg St Richmond Subd Angono
Minimum Bid Price P 1,890,000 00

UCPB 566 - RSDL LOT W/ IMPRVT
L A 976sqm
Noel Subd Brgy Dolores, Taytay
Minimum Bid Price P 843,264 00

UCPB 567 - RSDL LOT
L A 204sqm
Village East III Darangan Binangonan
Minimum Bid Price P 408 000 00

UCPB 568 - RSDL LOT
L A 216 sqm
Saratoga & Monterey Park Place Village, Cainta
Minimum Bid Price P 540,000 00

UCPB 569 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 735 sqm F A 99sqm
Bucharest St Eastville Cainta
Minimum Bid Price P 1,320 000 00

UCPB 570 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 805sqm F A 357 7sqm
Dona Justina cor Dona Juliana Filinvest Home
Minimum Bid Price P 7,800 000 00

UCPB 571 - COMML LOT
L A 750 sqm
Marcos H-way Brgy Mayamot Antipolo
Minimum Bid Price P 7 500 000 00

UCPB 572 - RSDL LOT
L A 524 sqm
#151 Ilang-Ilang St Neves Hills Subd Angono
Minimum Bid Price P 1,100 000 00

UCPB 573 - RSDL LOT
L A 230 226sqm
along Feeder Rd Bo Gutrang Bayan
Minimum Bid Price. P 11,500 000 00

BULACAN

UCPB 574 - RSDL LOT
L A 2,912sqm
along Barangay Rd Bo Sta Rosa II Marilao
Minimum Bid Price P 2 500 000 00

UCPB 575 - INDL FACTORY
L A 22 311 46sqm F A Various
along Northwest Line of Pro Rc Bo Patubig Marilao
Minimum Bid Price P 38,740 000 00

UCPB 576 - TOWN HOUSE
L A 60sqm F A 58 93sqm
Stanley St cor Macagems St Stanleyville Malolos
Minimum Bid Price P 690,000 00

UCPB 577 - COMML LOT
L A 444sqm
McHighway Bo Burol 1st Balagtas
Minimum Bid Price P 10 450 000 00

CAVITE CITY

UCPB 578 - VACANT LOT
L A 569sqm
along Southwoods Ave Manila Southwood Carmona
Minimum Bid Price P 2 592 000 00

UCPB 579 - RESORT BLDG
L A 1 238sqm w/ pool
Villa Ramirez Subd Bo Tabon Kawit
Minimum Bid Price P 4 190 000 00

UCPB 580 - DUPLEX
L A 80sqm F A 27sqm
Molino Park Homes Dasmarinas
Minimum Bid Price P 637,550 00

UCPB 581 - CONDOTEL/RESORT
F A 71sqm
Vista De Loro Heights Puerto Azul
Minimum Bid Price P 1,870,000 00

UCPB 582 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 144sqm F A 80sqm
L20 B11 Via Velana St Milano Citta Italiana,
Minimum Bid Price P 1 500 000 00

UCPB 583 - INDSL LOT
L A 17,079sqm
Bo Niog-II Bacoor
Minimum Bid Price P 6,585,000 00

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UCPB 584 - RSDL LOT
L A 150sqm
Town & Country Southville Biñan
Minimum Bid Price P 292 500 00

UCPB 585 - RSDL LOT
L A 209sqm
Town & Country Southville Biñan
Minimum Bid Price P 428 450 00

UCPB 586 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 782sqm (2-Storey)
Bo Pooc Sta Rosa
Minimum Bid Price P 2 057,753 80

UCPB 587 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 142sqm, F A 74sqm
Rosewood La Marea Hills San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price P 1,520,000 00

UCPB 588 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 195sqm F A 84sqm
Sta Rosa Village, San Jose Sta Rosa
Minimum Bid Price P 1 100 000 00

UCPB 589 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 155sqm F A 955sqm
Rosal St El Vinda Village Phase I San Pedro
Minimum Bid Price P 835 000 00

UCPB 590 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 150sqm F A 106sqm
Aurora Ave, Aurora Height Subd
Minimum Bid Price P 825 000 00

UCPB 591 - RSDL LOT
L A 150sqm
Via Verezia cor Via Verona St Romaville Subd
Minimum Bid Price P 525,000 00

UCPB 592 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 370sqm, F A 164sqm
Mahalina St United san Pedro Subd
Minimum Bid Price P 2,700,000 00

TAGAYTAY CITY

UCPB 593 - CONDO UNIT
F A 160 25sqm
Unit 128 Leighton Garden Condo
Minimum Bid Price P 3 380,000 00

UCPB 594 - VACANT LOT
L A 11 572sqm
Bo Maharlika East Tagaytay
Minimum Bid Price P 18 900,000 00

LAGUNA

UCPB 595 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 200 sqm F A 206 84sqm
along Rd Lot 6 Marymount Village,
Phase 3, Los Baños
Minimum Bid Price P 2 038,000 00

UCPB 596 - COMML BLDG
L A 1 440 sqm F A 3 417sqm
along Diversion Road Grand Riviera Subd,
Bulihan Sur
Minimum Bid Price P 14,750,000 00

UCPB 597 - RSDL LOT
L A 300 sqm
Magnolia cor Ilang-ilang Street, Villa Adelina III
Minimum Bid Price P 621 000 00

UCPB 598 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 1 962 sqm F A 189 43sqm
Corvado St Marvo Subd San Lucas San Pablo City
Minimum Bid Price P 4 225,000 00

UCPB 599 - 3 DOOR APRT
L A 480 sqm F A 200 64 sqm
F Manno St Lakeside Park Subd
Brgy VI-D San Pablo City
Minimum Bid Price P 955,000 00

UCPB 600 - COMML LOT
L A 1 548 sqm
Purok 2 National Hi-way Banca-banca Victoria
Minimum Bid Price P 3,250,000 00

UCPB 601 - COMML BLDG
L A 324 sqm F A 754sqm
Adelina Agri- Village Banca-banca Victoria
Minimum Bid Price P 5 960,000 00

BATANGAS CITY

UCPB 602 - GOLF RSDL LOT
L A 1,055sqm
Mt Malarayat Estate Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price P 3 346 918 65

UCPB 603 - POULTRY PIGGERY
L A 37 117sqm (w/d house)
along National Road Brgy Tangob Pdre Garcia
Minimum Bid Price P 6 631 200 00

UCPB 604 - RSDL LOT
L A 444sqm
Palmridge Ponte Batangas
Minimum Bid Price P 3 889,400 05

UCPB 605 - RSDL LOT
L A 120sqm
Lipa City
Minimum Bid Price P 178,020 56

UCPB 606 - RSDL LOT
L A 4741 F A 330 81 sqm
Along National Road, Bo Santiago
Minimum Bid Price P 4,219 000 00

UCPB 607 - RSDL LOT
L A 764sqm
along Lodlod Road Purok 6 Balangas
Minimum Bid Price P 483 131 35

UCPB 608 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 856sqm (BUNGALOW)
along Barangay Road Tilambo Taysan
Minimum Bid Price P 2 010,000 00

QUEZON

UCPB 609 - RSDL LOT
L A 8 477sqm
along Diversion Road Bo of Isabang
Municipality of Tayabas
Minimum Bid Price P 12 650,000 00

UCPB 610 - HOUSE & LOT
L A 360sqm F A 241sqm
No 19 Bolivia St Betterliving Subdivision
Brgy Isabang Lucena
Minimum Bid Price P 1 600,000 00

UCPB 611 - RSDL / WARE HOUSE
L A 224sqm
along Enriquez St Poblacion Lucena City
Minimum Bid Price P 3 110 000 00

UCPB 612 - RSDL / WARE HOUSE
L A 210 sqm F A 483 35sqm
Purok Malahenik Cotta Lucena City
Minimum Bid Price P 2 250 000 00

UCPB 613 - COMML LOT w/ Structure
L A 1 508 sqm
Along National Road Brgy Iyam Lucena City
Minimum Bid Price P 5 265 000 00

UCPB 614 - RSDL LOT
L A 180sqm
San Isidro Subd Brgy Gulang-gulang Lucena City
Minimum Bid Price P 470,793 37

UCPB 615 - COMML BLDG
L A 75sqm F A 134 64sqm
Along enriquez St Brgy 4
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System on Rice Intensification: Ray of hope for farmers

By Teddy B. Baguilat Jr.
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THE AGRICULTURE Department's aggressive promotion of its new pet, the genetically engineered Hybrid Rice, and its tenacious preference for chemical agriculture over bio-organic farming may have increased annual farm yields.

But this modern technology has encumbered the cash-strapped farmer.

Farm incomes remain meager as low prices and high cost of inputs plague our food producers.

Revolutionary

Now, a revolutionary farming system offers farmers a more cost-effective means of agriculture without having to be weighed down by expensive seeds, pesticides and fertilizers. All it takes are a few simple methods and the age-old value of hard work.

Called the System of Rice Intensification or SRI, this farming methodology evolved from the tiny African country of Madagascar and has gained a few hardy proponents all over the country.

One of them is Obet Verzola, an engineer-turned activist, who claims that SRI has significantly raised rice yields in several local farms that have piloted the system.

Verzola is head of Philippine Greens, a political advocacy group that has sparked a sometimes lonely, but valiant crusade to counter the government's multimillion efforts in advertising Hybrid Rice and other so-called Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs), such as the BT-corn.

Verzola presented data from various studies showing that for a three-hectare SRI farm, a national average of 6.44 tons per hectare of rice crop was attained.

"This yield is comparable to the achievement of Hybrid Rice which DA claims boosted yields up to seven tons per hectare," Verzola says.

Muñoz experience

One such success story of SRI is the Muñoz experience of Nueva Ecija.

Farmers of Barangay Mapangpang in the Science City of Muñoz began to embrace SRI this year through the advocacy and technical assistance of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), a non-governmental organization promoting appropriate technology and rural development.

Under the umbrella of the Kalikasan Federation of Farmers in Northern Nueva Ecija, the farmers have assimilated the SRI methods into their Diversified Integrated Farming (DIF) project.

Joselito Tambalo, president of the Federation, reveals that members of the association started an integrated farm project in 2003 by diversifying their farm production with backyard livestock and poultry and small farm fishponds to complement their rice production.

The tactic started to reap dividends with increasing farm earnings and a steady supply of food from the backyard. But the serious malady remained the poor rice harvest, that was aggravated by increasing cost of farm inputs.

When Tambalo heard of a new farming method being piloted by PRRM and Philrice that was bio-organic and guaranteed better harvests, it was not difficult for him to persuade the federation members to experiment with SRI on several plots of their integrated and diversified farms.

The results have so far been positive and Tambalo hopes that the expected harvest would further boost farm production in their area.

Despite the early success of SRI, only a few farmers in the Philippines have so far adopted the methodology with roughly 100 practitioners nationwide.

Verzola believes one reason was that the basic strategies of SRI contradict the traditional, age-old planting practices of our farmers.

To begin with, transplanting starts at an earlier stage when the rice seed is around eight to 12 days old.

PETER Desisto of Mapangpang, Science City of Munoz, tries out the SRI technology in his rice field.

In conventional practice, farmers begin transplanting from the seedbed when the seed stock is 21-30 days old.

He explains that this technique optimizes the development of the root system by presenting it with stimuli that force the root to grow deeper into the ground.

He referred to the early transplanting as a "challenge to the young root to toughen up."

Secondly, the SRI method calls for planting the seed at wider distances, 25 centimeters or more from each other in a square-like pattern.

The typical planting style has no geometric patterns and the seeds are bunched together.

Likewise contrary to habitual methods, only one seed is planted at a time compared to a cluster of seeds in most farming practices.

Verzola explains that the rationale for these methods is to strengthen the root system by spacing the seeds farther apart thus minimizing competition for the soil nutrients.

Finally, perhaps the most radical and unusual SRI technique is to avoid continuous flooding of the rice fields once the seeds are planted, which is contrary to time-honored farming traditions.

Verzola believes that flooding of the rice paddies constricts the roots' intake of oxygen and nutrients and thus restricts growth.

Instead, SRI recommends keeping the paddies moist but not flooded or allowing inundation for six days, but then blocking water supply for the next two days.

"In SRI, the most immediate overall effect of the strengthening of the root system is the proliferation of more rice tillers that, in turn, leads to a higher crop yield," he says.

Tambalo reveals that SRI farms in Muñoz have an average count of 50 tillers compared to the normal 20-25 tillers in non-SRI fields. Aside from the proliferation of

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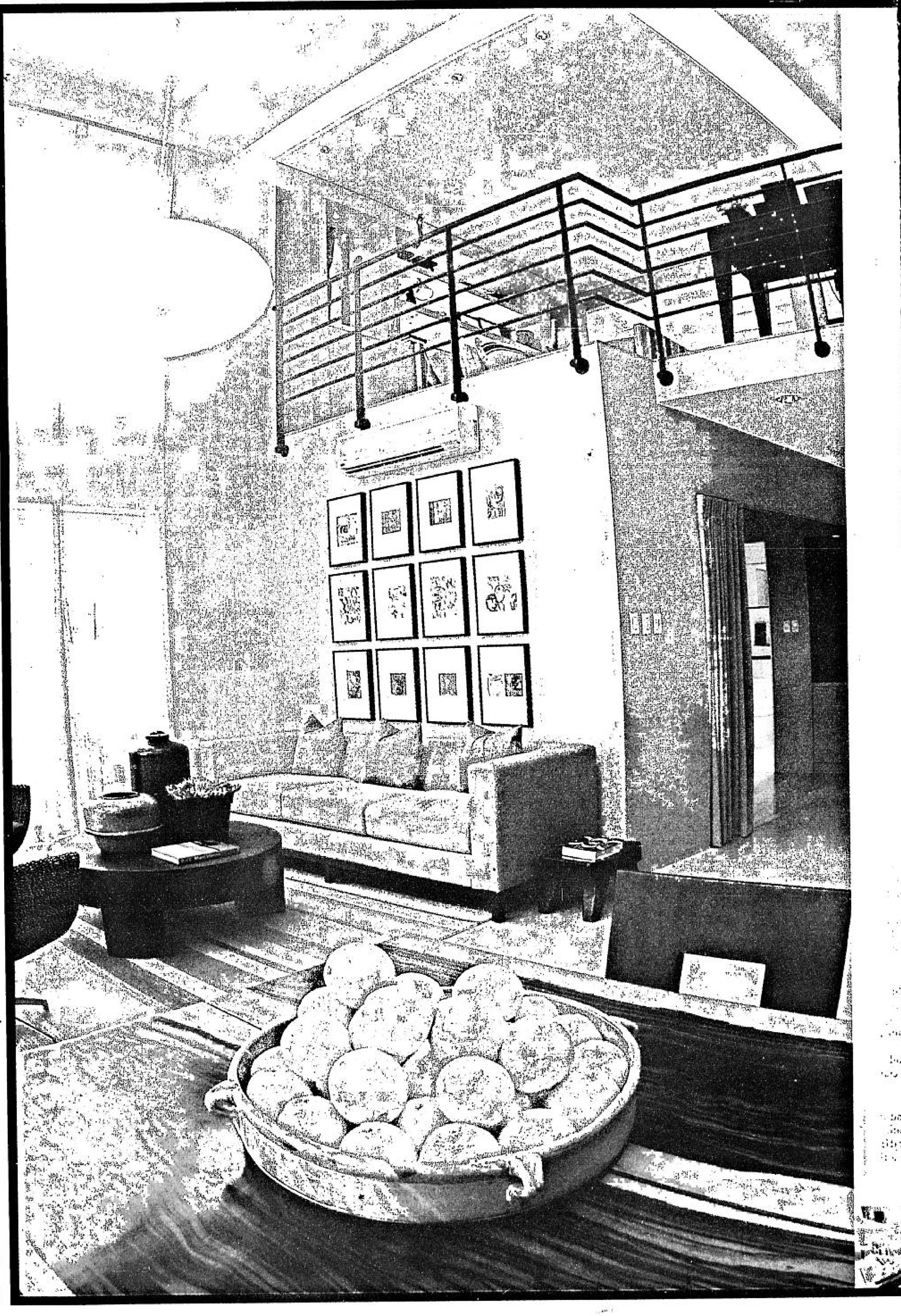

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tillers, he observed that the grain is bigger. He projects a 50 percent increase in their initial harvest this October using SRI methods.

Weeds

However, one snag of not flooding the paddies is the proliferation of weeds. Verzola's solution is not to use toxic herbicides but opt for a simple mechanical weed cutter.

In fact, both Philippine Greens and Kalikasan are strong advocates of bio-organic farming, which they believe enhance the performance of SRI.

While SRI is adaptable to any rice variety or technology, the system works better when complemented with bio-organic farming.

The SRI process of nurturing the soil is reinforced by the organic nutrients that compost (organic fertilizer) breeds.

Definitely, the steps for SRI are more tedious and require attitudinal and behavioral change. Tambalo concedes that farmers have to spend more hours in their farm to follow the SRI methods meticulously and handle the weeding. But he says the methods are easy to learn and does not really burden the farmer too much once the technique becomes routine.

"Farmers are used to hard work. A few weeds and a couple of hours more under the sun should not stop us from improving our farming systems," he says.

He believes it does not need scientific data to convince farmers to adopt SRI and bio-organic methods because the positive results are so evident.

Only 20 members of Kalikasan started SRI in this cropping. He expects this number to balloon to a hundred in the next crop.

Verzola suggests that SRI could even be the appropriate strategy to saving the endangered Ifugao Rice Terraces.

The longer gestation period of upland rice varieties (six months) is ideal for the optimum propagation of rice tillers under SRI.

Likewise, SRI could be adapted into the rice terraces without the chemical inputs that most hybrid rice varieties require.

Most terrace conservation experts believe that chemical agriculture destroys the natural ecosystem of the area, by polluting the rivers and streams and killing other animal species that normally thrive in the paddies.

These include shells, clams and other fish species that are also harvested as food by the farmers.

SRI could raise rice production in the rice terraces without replacing the traditional rice varieties and infusing destructive chemical inputs.

Despite its popularity and acceptance in Africa, Europe and other South East Asian countries, surprisingly the government has shied away from endorsing SRI in its rice productivity programs.

Verzola believes that this is influenced by the government's bias against agricultural methods and technology that do not support multi-national businesses such as the promotion of Hybrid Rice.

But DA's hybrid rice program is hounded by drawbacks that could become potentially dangerous to the country's agricultural program.

Aside from being very expensive, the hybrid seeds are genetically produced to be planted in a single crop and cannot be propagated for the succeeding crop. Thus, farmers have to buy a new stock of seeds for the next cropping.

He also explained that Hybrid Rice has a narrow genetic base, because it was bred primarily from a single rice strain originating from China.

On the other hand, most rice varieties were reproduced from a combination of several rice strains to produce the strongest, most resilient and productive seed.

While hybrid rice has indeed multiplied farm production, Verzola projects that the great danger lies in its single-strain attribute that makes it fragile and easily susceptible to pest and disease. With the massive campaign being done by DA to convert the country's rice fields into hybrid rice farms, an unexpected and virulent pest could suddenly wipe out an entire year's national crop and spawn famine in the country.

The better alternative, therefore, is SRI.

But unfortunately, SRI's promotion is a trifling effort consisting of word-of-mouth advertising being done mostly by committed advocates like Verzola.

"If we only had a million pesos, we could do a lot of wonders in popularizing SRI nationwide," he says.

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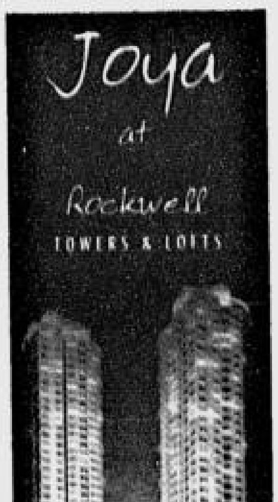

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Minimum Bid Price 978,000.00

LOT 11 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 209 sqm.
1-D-1 David Rosales St., Brgy. Limaha
Minimum Bid Price 314,000.00

AGUSAN DEL NORTE

LOT 12 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 5,000 sqm.
2309-A Brgy. Manapa Buenavista
Minimum Bid Price 225,000.00

LOT 13 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 242 sqm. Floor Area 133 sqm.
L1903 cor. La Solidaridad & Curato Sts. Buenavista,
Minimum Bid Price 865,000.00

LOT 14 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 1,440 sqm. Floor Area 543 sqm.
9-A-2-A Capudlosan Cabadbaran
Minimum Bid Price 685,000.00

LOT 15 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 15,406 sqm. Floor Area 77 sqm.
3272 Poblacion Kitcharao
Minimum Bid Price 1,770,000.00

LOT 16 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 783 sqm. Floor Area 232 sqm.
L124 30 Alupan St. Nasipit
Minimum Bid Price 754,000.00

AGUSAN DEL SUR

LOT 17 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 100 sqm. Floor Area 186 sqm.
23 & portion of Lot 1329 Poblacion, Barobo
Minimum Bid Price 991,000.00

LOT 18 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 33,407 sqm.
1640 Brgy. San Pablo, Jabonga
Minimum Bid Price 51,000.00

LOT 19 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 805 sqm. Floor Area 48 sqm.
L963 cor. Rizal & St. Joseph Sts., Poblacion
Minimum Bid Price 136,000.00

LOT 20 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm. Floor Area 235 sqm.
2211-B Sta Cruz Rosario
Minimum Bid Price 376,000.00

LOT 21 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 360 sqm. Floor Area 228 sqm.
Lot 356 Poblacion Talacogon
Minimum Bid Price 175,000.00

BAYUGAN

LOT 22 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 561 sqm.
L2636 Kamagong St. Poblacion, Bayugan
Minimum Bid Price 72,000.00

LOT 23 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 850 sqm. Floor Area 338 sqm.
3852 Esperanza Road, Poblacion, Bayugan
Minimum Bid Price 1,116,000.00

LOT 24 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 743 sqm. Floor Area 174 sqm.
2655 Taglatawan, Bayugan
Minimum Bid Price 431,000.00

LOT 25 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 50 sqm. Floor Area 138 sqm.
1591-D-6-B Public Market Taglatawan, Bayugan
Minimum Bid Price 406,000.00

LOT 26 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 421 sqm. Floor Area: 57 sqm.
Lot 7-B & 7-C Taglatawan Bayugan
Minimum Bid Price 448,000.00

LOT 27 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 413 sqm. Floor Area: 337 sqm.
2614 cor. Valbueco & Nieg Sts., Poblacion Bayugan I
Minimum Bid Price 1,051,000.00

LOT 28 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 377 sqm. Floor Area: 115 sqm.
2398 cor. Lukban & Mangga Sts. Poblacion Bayugan I
Minimum Bid Price 234,000.00

BUNAWAN

LOT 29 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 512 sqm.
L4095 Libertad Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 15,000.00

LOT 30 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 601 sqm.
L4147 Libertad, Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 92,000.00

LOT 31 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,577 sqm. Floor Area 177 sqm.
L4093,4094,4102,4103,4101,4105,4106 Libertad
Minimum Bid Price 528,000.00

LOT 32 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 274 sqm. Floor Area 53 sqm.
Lot 4146 Libertad, Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 51,000.00

LOT 33 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 607 sqm.
4159 Libertad Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 36,000.00

LOT 34 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 541 sqm.
6141-E-25 San Teodoro Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 180,000.00

LOT 35 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 254 sqm. Floor Area 279 sqm.
L43 San Teodoro Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 952,000.00

LOT 36 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 302 sqm. Floor Area 92 sqm.
L5204-4-10-A San Teodoro Bunawan
Minimum Bid Price 396,000.00

PROSPERIDAD

LOT 37 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 578 sqm. Floor Area 176 sqm.
924 Poblacion, Prosperidad
Minimum Bid Price 950,000.00

LOT 38 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 468 sqm. Floor Area 235 sqm.
L711 Poblacion, Prosperidad
Minimum Bid Price. 522,000.00

LOT 39 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 600 sqm.
4095 Patin-ay, Prosperidad
Minimum Bid Price 128,000.00

LOT 40 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 435 sqm.
L594 Poblacion, Prosperidad
Minimum Bid Price 106,000.00

LOT 41 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 2,485 sqm. Floor Area. 170 sqm.
L2356-A Azpetia Prosperidad
Minimum Bid Price 172,000.00

SAN FRANCISCO

LOT 42 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm. Floor Area. 173 sqm.
L5545 Brgy. Alegria San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price. 1,285,000.00

LOT 43 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 598 sqm. Floor Area. 95 sqm.
5616 Alegria San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 351,000.00

LOT 44 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 137 sqm. Floor Area. 108 sqm.
L10 Brgy. 1. San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 273,000.00

LOT 45 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 816 sqm.
L3430 Brgy. 1, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 521,000.00

LOT 46 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 442 sqm. Floor Area 93 sqm.
L11431 Brgy. 2 San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 378,000.00

LOT 47 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 600 sqm. Floor Area 178 sqm.
L4 Brgy. 2, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 338,000.00

LOT 48 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 122 sqm. Floor Area 84 sqm.
L137 Brgy. 2, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 320,000.00

LOT 49 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 145 sqm. Floor Area 80 sqm.
3100-C-78 Brgy. 2 San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 106,000.00

LOT 50 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 98 sqm. Floor Area 188 sqm.
L49 Brgy. 2 San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 835,000.00

LOT 51 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 282 sqm. Floor Area 273 sqm.
L5 Brgy. 2 San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 400,000.00

LOT 52 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 181 sqm. Floor Area 123 sqm.
7-C-2-B Brgy. 2, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 283,000.00

LOT 53 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 646 sqm. Floor Area. 341 sqm.
Lot 3746 Brgy. 2 San Francisco
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L6096 C-1-B-13-2, Brgy. 2, San Francisco
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LOT 55 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area. 395 sqm.
L6096 C-1-B-13-B-1, Brgy. 2, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 152,000.00

LOT 56 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 393 sqm. Floor Area. 159 sqm.
L6096 C-1-B-13-B-3, Brgy. 2, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 919,000.00

LOT 57 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 438 sqm. Floor Area. 104 sqm.
Lot 3181-A Brgy. 5 San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 576,000.00

LOT 58 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 596 sqm. Floor Area 241 sqm.
Lot 5787 Brgy. Karaus, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 1,152,000.00

LOT 59 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 607 sqm. Floor Area 181 sqm.
Lot 5786 Brgy. Karaus San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 990,000.00

LOT 60- LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 603 sqm. Floor Area. 91 sqm.
5777 Brgy. Karaos, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 653,000.00

LOT 61- LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 595 sqm.
5778 Brgy. Karaos, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 355,000.00

LOT 62 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 14,449 sqm.
Lot 1539 Lapinigan, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 494,000.00

LOT 63 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 800 sqm. Floor Area 138 sqm.
2523 Lapinigan San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 700,000.00

LOT 64 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 500 sqm.
Lot 4844-W-6 Pisaan, San Francisco
Minimum Bid Price 19,000.00

STA. JOSEFA

LOT 65 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 600 sqm. Floor Area 70 sqm.
14 Poblacion, Sta. Josefa
Minimum Bid Price 327,000.00

LOT 66 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 804 sqm. Floor Area 1,101 sqm.
Lot 730 Poblacion Sta. Josefa
Minimum Bid Price 4,055,000.00

LOT 67 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 598 sqm. Floor Area 78 sqm.
Lot 19 Poblacion Sta. Josefa
Minimum Bid Price 253,000.00

TRENTO

LOT 68 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 794 sqm. Floor Area 230 sqm.
3512 cor JuanLuna & JoseRizal Sts. PoblacionTrento
Minimum Bid Price 1,606,000.00

LOT 69 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 238 sqm.
3680 Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 142,000.00

LOT 70 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 794 sqm. Floor Area 122 sqm.
Lot 5608 Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 406,000.00

LOT 71 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 801 sqm. Floor Area 288 sqm.
Lot 3395 Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,128,000.00

LOT 72 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 813 sqm. Floor Area 209 sqm.
Lot 3506 Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,474,000.00

LOT 73 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 380 sqm. Floor Area 221 sqm.
3684 cor. of Larra & 7th St. Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 849,000.00

LOT 74 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 376 sqm.
3568 cor. of Larra & 7th St. Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 256,000.00

LOT 75 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 864 sqm. Floor Area 202 sqm.
3646 National Highway, Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,067,000.00

LOT 76 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 215 sqm. Floor Area 114 sqm.
39 Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 322,000.00

LOT 77 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 688 sqm. Floor Area 90 sqm.
L5484 cor Camia & Prochina Sts. Poblacion, Trento,
Minimum Bid Price 580,000.00

LOT 78 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 800 sqm.
Lot 3208 Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 170,000.00

LOT 79 – LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 755 sqm. Floor Area 123 sqm.
Lot 3207 Ilang-Ilang St., Poblacion, Trento
Minimum Bid Price 249,000.00

LOT 80 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 803 sqm. Floor Area. 69 sqm.
3297 Yakal St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 184,000.00

LOT 81 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area: 855 sqm.
L3212 cor Gumamela&SunflowerSts,PoblacionTrento
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LOT 82 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area. 820 sqm.
Lot 3551 Kalantas St., Poblacion Trento
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LOT 83 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area: 829 sqm. Floor Area. 155 sqm.
5482 Jose Prochina St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,377,000.00

LOT 84 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 28,029 sqm.
3766 Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 63,000.00

LOT 85 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area. 249 sqm. Floor Area. 91 sqm.
L3681 Poblacion (back of Terminal) Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 222,000.00

LOT 86 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 819 sqm.
L3187 cor Ilang-Ilang&SunflowerSts PoblacionTrento
Minimum Bid Price 175,000.00

LOT 87 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 801 sqm.
Lot 3267 Dao St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 204,000.00

LOT 88 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 609 sqm. Floor Area 164 sqm.
Lot 3495 C.P. Garcia St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,667,000.00

LOT 89 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 598 sqm.
Lot 3346 Sergio Osmeña St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 255,000.00

LOT 90 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 769 sqm. Floor Area 152 sqm.
3373 Quirino St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 581,000.00

LOT 91 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 800 sqm. Floor Area 196 sqm.
3403 Antonio Luna St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,000,000.00

LOT 92 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 810 sqm.
3385 E. Quirino St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 414,000.00

LOT 93 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 789 sqm.
3516 Juan Luna St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 1,199,000.00

LOT 94 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 505 sqm. Floor Area 47 sqm.
3348 Camagong St., Poblacion Trento
Minimum Bid Price 155,000.00

SURIGAO DEL NORTE

LOT 95 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 492 sqm. Floor Area 94 sqm.
Lot 511-E-1-B Nueva St., Surigao City
Minimum Bid Price 1,401,000.00

LOT 96 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 120 sqm. Floor Area 120 sqm.
941 Brgy. Quezon Mainit Surigao Del Norte
Minimum Bid Price 859,000.00

LOT 97 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 356 sqm. Floor Area 356 sqm.
Lot 75 Poblacion Tubod, Surigao Del Norte
Minimum Bid Price 150,000.00

SURIGAO DEL SUR

LOT 98 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 469 sqm. Floor Area 362 sqm.
1331-C-2-C-4 Poblacion Barobo, Surigao Del Sur
Minimum Bid Price 2,169,000.00

LOT 99 - LOT ONLY
Lot Area 700 sqm.
Lot 14003 Spring Amaga, Barobo, Surigao Del Sur
Minimum Bid Price 167,000.00

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Lot Area 1,086 sqm. Floor Area 882 sqm.
1561 & 1562 Poblacion Lianga, Surigao Del Sur
Minimum Bid Price 1,000,000.00

LOT 101 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
Lot Area 774 sqm. Floor Area 357 sqm.
Lot 91 & (2 & 3-Portion Of Lot No 1)Rivas St., Manhalag (2) Corner Magsaysay & Pontilo St., Manhonlag
Minimum Bid Price 2,559,000.00

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Lot 731-A Poblacion Tagbina, Surigao Del Sur
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB NO. 006-04

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites qualified companies to apply for eligibility and to submit a bid proposal for the development of the POEA E-Link System.

Qualified bidders for the development of the POEA E-Link System should be a System Integrator who have implemented or is currently implementing a similar system on the same platform of similar magnitude or scale.

The bid proposal shall consist of (1) a proposal for the three systems, of which an integrated solution is most welcome, and (2) the price proposal wherein cost for hardware is separate from cost of systems development and integration.

The approved project fund is Fifty Six Million Pesos.

The particulars are as follows:

PARTICULARS	DETAILS
1. Project Description/ Location	An electronic processing system for OFWs that will facilitate completion of required documents for processing of OFW contracts and a system that will monitor departure and arrival of OFWs.
2. Availability of Pre-Qualification Documents and Terms of Reference (TOR) and Other Bid Documents	Pre-qualification Documents, Terms of Reference and other Bid documents may be secured from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat c/o Mr. Reynaldo E. Cabrera 5th Flr Blas F. Ople Building, Ortigas Ave. cor EDSA, Mandaluyong City Tel. No. 722-1166 Starting Sept. 27, 2004 to Oct. 8, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
3. Submission of Letter of Intent	October 19, 2004
4. Pre-Bid Conference	October 20, 2004 10:00 A.M. Conference Room of Deputy Administrator for Management Services, 5th Flr Blas F. Ople Building
5. Submission of Eligibility Requirements and Bids	Please submit Eligibility Requirements and Bids not later than November 5, 2004 10:00 A.M. at the Conference Room of Deputy Administrator for Management Services, 5th Flr. Blas F. Ople Building, Ortigas Ave. cor EDSA, Mandaluyong City
6. Opening of Bids	November 5, 2004 10:00 A.M. Conference Room of Deputy Administrator for Management Services
7. Awarding of Bids	November 15, 2004

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(Sgd.) **CARMELITA S. DIMZON**
Deputy Administrator for Management Services
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INVITATION TO BID

The Republic of the Philippine through the Department of Education is a recipient of an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in the amount of JPY7,210 million to finance the Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of the loan will be utilized for eligible expenditures for the new construction of a Two-Storey, 4-Classroom Building with Science Laboratory, Faculty Room and Toilet located in Bacong NHS at Sacaac, Bacong, Negros Oriental.

JBIC requires that bidders and contractors as well as the DepEd, under contracts funded with JBIC ODA loans, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of the such contract. In pursuance of this, JBIC: (I) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question and (II) will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for a stated period of time, to be awarded a contract funded with JBIC ODA loans if it, at any time, determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or in executing another contract financed by JBIC ODA loans or other Japanese ODA.

Bidding is open to all Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) registered contractors or joint venture contractors with valid license, general building in category and eligible to enter into a contract based on award. The approved budget for this project is Five Million Sixty-six Thousand Pesos (P5,066,000.00).

Bidders may obtain further information and acquire the bidding documents from the office of:

The BAC Chairman
Bids and Award Committee (Office of the Municipal Engineer)
Municipality of Bacong, Negros Oriental
Tel. No. 035-4240303

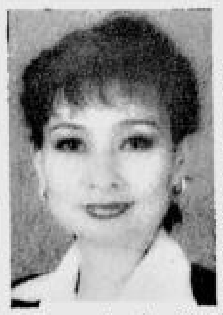
The complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders starting **September 27, 2004** until 5:00 p.m. of **October 15, 2004** upon submission of a Letter of Intent to the above office and payment of a non-refundable amount of P1,500.00 to the Municipal Treasurer of Bacong.

- Pre-bid conference shall be conducted on **October 18, 2004** at 2:00 p.m. to be held at the BAC Office (Office of the Municipal Engineer), Municipality of Bacong, Negros Oriental.

Submission of bids together with all the documents required in the bid documents must be delivered to the aforesaid venue not later than 10:00 a.m. of **November 5, 2004** at the BAC Office (Office of the Municipal Engineer), Municipality of Bacong, Negros Oriental. All bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of all the bidders or their legally authorized representatives.

(Sgd.) **JUAN MIGUEL M. LUZ**
Undersecretary for Administration and Finance

(PDI - Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2004)



NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

SUN LIFE OF CANADA (PHILIPPINES), INC. and **SUN LIFE FINANCIAL PLANS, INC.** hereby give notice to the public that the person, whose picture appears herein, **MRS. ALICIA IGNACIO LIM**, is no longer connected with these companies effective August 13, 2004. All transactions entered into by this person on behalf of Sun Life beyond the said date will not be honored.

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Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and Bid

The SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) Baguio City is inviting bidders to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid for a two (2) years contract for the following:

		Approved Budget
A.	**SECURITY SERVICES** Baguio, Bontoc, La Union, Abra, Vigan, Laoag, Cauayan, Santiago, Solano, Tuguegarao	Php12,729,601.92

Application for eligibility is open to all security/janitorial agencies with at least least 5 years experience, and with valid license or business permit to undertake the services described herein.

Issuance for Eligibility Forms will be available to interested bidders from **Sept. 20-27, 2004** at the BAC Secretariat, Administrative and General Accounting Section, 2nd Floor, SSS Building, Baguio City.

Submission of Eligibility Requirements for Security services shall be on **Sept. 28 - Oct. 05, 2004** from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for screening on a pass/fail criteria at the BAC Secretariat

Distribution of the terms of reference. Bid Proposal form, Draft of the proposed Contract to eligible bidders will be on **Set. 28 – Oct. 08, 2004** upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php 10,000.00 for security services.

All eligible bidders issued with bid documents are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on **Oct. 12, 2004** at 9:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, Office of the AVP, 2nd Floor, SSS Building, Baguio City.

Submission of duly accomplished Bid Proposals for Security Services shall be on or before **Oct. 26, 2004** at 8:30 a.m. Opening of the Bids shall be on November 04, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, Office of the AVP, 2nd Floor, SSS Building, Baguio City, in the presence of COA Auditor and participating bidders or their autorized representatives.

All Bids shall be accompanied by Bid Security (Bid Bond) in the form of Cash, Manager's/Cashier's equivalent to 1% of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) or 2-1/2% of the ABC in form of a Surety Bond (GSIS only).

The SSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any formality or defects and to make an award to the proposal most advantageous to the System. The SSS neither assumes any obligation for whatsoever losses that the bidders may incur in the preparation of their bids nor guaratees that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **LUIS V. OLAIS**
Chairperson
Bids and Awards Committee - Cluster

(PDI–Sept. 26, 2004)

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The public is hereby informed, anent to the Annual Stockholders Meeting held last 17 July 2004, the follownig are the New Set of Directors of OSM SHIPPING PHILS., INC.

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Philippine NGO Support Program, Inc.
Building Capacities for Reproductive Health

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The Philippine NGO Support Program (PHANSuP), Inc. aims to empower community-based organizations and other non-government organizations in integrating HIV/AIDS, family planning and adolescent reproductive health initiatives into other reproductive health issues and social development concerns for the overall development of their respective client communities.

We are looking for highly motivated, competent professionals who are committed to make a positive difference in the reproductive health sector in the Asia Pacific region. We are urgently in need of one (1) Training and Development Specialist. We are also inviting applicants to fill up the following future positions: Communications, Advocacy and Publications Officer (1); and Organization Development Facilitators (2).

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST (1)

The Applicant must have/be:

At least three (3) years work experience in Reproductive Health (RH) training and development • Fully knowledgeable of various learning systems and methodologies for young and adult trainees • Experienced in training needs analysis, module design, session plan preparation and training management and delivery • A degree in any of the following: human resource development, sociology, community development, organizational development, development communications, public health, development management or related fields. A master's degree is preferred. • A team player and must possess skills in good interpersonal relationships • A good oral and written communication skills; and • Proficient in MS Office applications particularly in the preparation and publication of training brochures and manuals.

He/she will:

Design and implement trainings, workshops, conferences and other related activities • dentify training and other technical assistance needs of target clients • Network with partners to ensure availability of training resources • Undertake marketing of training services; and • Perform other related tasks as may be assigned.

COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY & PUBLICATIONS OFFICER (1)

The Applicant must have/be:

At least two (2) years work experience in communications, publications and advocacy related to Reproductive Health (RH) • Experience in writing and editing articles, case materials, annual reports, monographs, manuals, guidebooks, etc. • Familiar with social marketing tools and techniques • A degree in any of the following: development communications, journalism, or related fields. • Skills in graphic designing and layouting • Excellent writing and oral communication skills • A team player and must possess skills in good interpersonal relationships • Proficient in MS Office/Pagemaker applications particularly in the preparation and publication of newsletters, annual reports, monographs, etc.

He/she will:

Prepare an organizational communications and advocacy plan • Prepare media releases, brochures, newsletters, annual reports, monographs, marketing collaterals, etc. • Coordinate production/printing of all communication materials • Network with media organizations and with other entities (GOs/NGOs) • Update and maintain the APRHDC infobank and library; and • Perform other related tasks as may be assigned.

ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT FACILITATORS (2)

The Applicant must have/be:

At least two (2) years work experience in program/project development and management preferably related to Reproductive Health (RH) • Degree in any of the following: Community Development, Sociology, Social Work, Business, and other related fields. • Knowledgeable in using PCM/logframe and ToP tools in project design, monitoring and evaluation • Knowledge of the principles of and practices in organization development • Full understanding and appreciation of the nature and operations of social enterprises • Familiar with organizational strategic and operations planning processes • Experience in providing technical assistance to develop the capacities of NGOs/POs • Excellent writing and oral communication skills • A team player and must possess skills in good interpersonal relationships • Willing to travel to remote areas in the Philippines • Ability to effectively interact with local NGO/PO leaders and staff • Proficient in MS Office applications particularly in the preparation of project proposals and reports, work plans and budget.

He/she will:

Prepare organizational development plans ensuring the inclusion/integration of RH issues/concerns in the development agenda • Closely assist client organizations in packaging, implementing, monitoring and evaluating their respective projects using highly participative tools and approaches • Network with local entities to mobilize support for client organizations • Prepare and submit project reports • Perform other related tasks as may be assigned.

PHANSuP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Please send a cover letter, resume with a 2x2 photo, sample of work done, and two letters of professional recommendations from former employers or professors (if no previous employment) to: The Executive Director, Asia Pacific RH Development Center, PHANSuP, Inc., 2/F Brickville Condominium, 28 N. Domingo St. New Manila, Quezon City. Deadline of submission of application is on October 10, 2004. We will reply only to shortlisted applicants. Previous applicants need not apply.

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PRIVATIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Privatization and Management Office (PMO) is offering for public bidding, on an "as-is, where-is" basis, the following movable assets of Panay Railways, Inc. (PRI) in various locations in Panay Island, as follows:

Lot	Description	Indicative Price
1	a) Railroad bridges b) Angular bars and wooden ties c) Terminal buildings/stations	P11,652,000.00
2.	One (1) railroad bridge located at Km. 53+06, Passi City, known as "Passi Bridge"	1,671,000.00

Sealed bids will be received on October 20, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. and immediately thereafter, the bids shall be opened and tabulated in the presence of the bidders at the PMO Conference Room, 6th Floor, Privatization and Management Office, 104 Gamboa St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.

Interested parties are advised to deal directly with the PMO Marketing Department. Authenticated bidding documents, together with the Asset Specific Catalogue, may be secured from PMO for a nominal fee of P1,500.00.

In the event that the public bidding becomes a failure, PMO reserves the right to consider proposals submitted for the above assets.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Matthew R. de Guzman at telephone numbers 817-8762 or 818-4733.

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In Loving Memory of

Pacita Yap Sioco

Peacefully joined her Creator
on 22 September 2004
at the age of 78 years old.

Her children:
Melea and **Robert Tang**
Betty (†)
Leoncio and **Rosario Sioco**
Jean and **Willy Uy**
Wilson and **Nolita Sioco**
Anita and **Willy Sy**
Medring and **Rosendo Uy**
Lydia Sioco
Nixon and **Nenita Sioco**

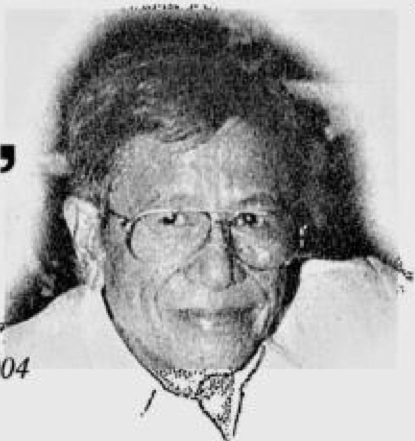
27 Grandchildren, 11 Great grandchildren and other relatives request our friends and readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Friday, October 1, 2004 at the Chinese Cemetery, Manila at 8:30 a.m.

"All the pain and grief is over. Every restless tossing passed.
He is now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven with the Eternal Father."

Our Dearly Beloved Tatang



ALFREDO "Fred" G. CASTRO SR.

Peacefully joined our Creator on September 25, 2004
at the age of 75.

His bereaved wife **Lucia "Luz" S. Castro,** his son **Jun**, daughter-in-law **Dandy;** grandchildren **Jordan**, **Paolo**, **Noelle**, **Chug**, **Macky**, **Niña**, **Kristoffer**, **Josemaria**, **Miguel**, **Amanda Luz**, **Wammy**, **Bea**, **Christabel**, **Asunta** and **Elise**; brothers (†), sisters, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Castro Residence at Olongapo-Gapan Highway, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at the St. Joseph Memorial Park, San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga after the 2:00 P.M. Mass at the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Church, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

"Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to me"
Psalm 116:7

FIDELA SANCHEZ LIZARDO

(wife of Former Caloocan Vice Mayor (†) Benito M. Lizardo)

May 19, 1910 - September 24, 2004

Sympathy from her children **Jose Sr.**, **Manuel Sr.**, **Bernardita**; daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Her remains lie in state at Floresco Funeral Homes, 511 A. Mabini Street, Caloocan City.

Mass will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2004. Interment will follow at the Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, Quezon City.

Germana "Maning" Araneta Sebastian

of Mercedes, Zamboanga City

Born 22 December 1920, has died in the Grace of Our Lord on 25 September 2004.

She is survived by her children **Glo & Rene Domingo**, **Yoly & Efren Lira**; grandchildren **Alvin & Cindy**, **Renee & Mark**, **Aileen & Deeno**, **Dexter**, **Jason**, **Lyra & Alain**; and great-grandchildren **Luis Miguel**, **Ethan**, **Aliyah** and **Tristan Gabriel**.

Her remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City, where the Funeral Mass will also be held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, 28 September 2004.

Interment will be at the Heritage Memorial Park, in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, following the Funeral Mass in La Funeraria Paz's North Wing Chapel.

"Come to Me,
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Matthew 11:28

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(December 13, 1924 – August 18, 2004)

wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who condoled with them, offered prayers, sent flowers and gave messages of sympathy.

In Loving Memory
To my wife on her
First Death Anniversary

ARLEEN BUENVENIDA PADLAN

October 5, 1966 – September 26, 2003

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek – to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life"
– Psalm 27:4

Your loving husband, **Angelito Padlan**
Children, **Angelica**, **Abby** and **Anna**

Holy Masses for her eternal peace and happiness will be offered of the following churches on Sept. 26, 2004.

Our Lady of the Poor Parish – Taguig 6am, 7:30am, 9am, 10am, 5pm, 6:15pm, 7:30pm
St. John Bosco Parish – Makati 8:45am, 5:45pm

We request all her relatives, friends and pious readers to join us in prayers for my wife.

"...absent from the body
to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

Atty. Rene A. Diokno

of Better Living, Parañaque and Taal, Batangas

Peacefully joined the Lord and his wife Dely
on September 24, 2004 at the age of 83.

His remains lie in state at the Jacinto Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Parañaque City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at the Loyola Memorial Park after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of Caraga Region, through the Caraga Food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government-funded development intervention, invites all interested bidders/suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following items:

Item	Specifications	Location	Qty.	Budget
PackageI – Rice Mill and Mill Accessories (Preferably Japanese made)				9,691,000
a) Rice Mill	Multi-pass rice mill system, 1-1.5 TPH input capacity of palay at a moisture content of 14% and purity of at least 96%; milling recovery of 65% (min) for well-milled milling degree, complete with mill components and accessories including bag closer and weighing scale	Sta. Josefa Agusan del Sur Prosperidad Agusan del Sur Jabonga Agusan del Norte	1 unit 1 unit 1 unit	
b) Mist Polisher	Horizontal type 1.5 TPH capacity for good polishing degree, complete with 22.0 kW electric motor and 1.5 kW air compressor	Sta. Josefa, AdS	1 unit	
c) Grader	Double indented cylinder type of at least 1.0 TPH capacity complete with 0.75 kW electric motor each cylinder	Sta. Josefa, AdS	1 unit	
Package II – Mechanical Dryers & other Accessories				855,000
a) Batch Recirculating Dryer	6 tons holding capacity, drying rate of 1% moisture reduction per hour, increase in cracked grain not to exceed 5% reduction in head rice yield not to exceed 5%; Burner-gun-type, bi-nozzle, automatic ignition, kerosene fuel; Loading time-30 minutes, maximum; Unloading time-45 minutes maximum; Accessories dust collection system, electric and safety controls, fuel tank, access ladder	Prosperidad, AdS	1 unit	
b) Moisture Meter	Shega III model, capacitance type with shielded drift, compensated oscillator, digital LCD with 16 characters by 2 lines matrix with I.F.D. backlighting, 99% precision, 0.1% resolution and accuracy of + 0.5%	Sta. Josefa, AdS Prosperidad, AdS Jabonga, AdN	1 unit 1 unit 2 units	
c) Tarpaulin Canvass	18" x 36" Heavy Duty	Jabonga, AdN Sta. Josefa, AdS	10 units 7 units	
d) Weighing Scale	Platform type, 1000 kg. capacity	Sta. Josefa, AdS Prosperidad, AdS Jabonga, AdN	2 units 1 unit 2 units	
Package III – Flatbed Dryers				1,350,000
a) Flatbed Dryers	Philrice Model	Prosperidad, AdS Jabonga, AdN	4 units 1 unit	
Package IV – Distribution Transformer				417,000
a) 50 KVA	Brand new Distribution transformer, 7620/13200 V Primary, 220/440V Secondary, OISC two brushing type, pole mounted w/ grounding lugs complete with accessories	Sta. Josefa, AdS	3 units	
b) 25 KVA	Brand new Distribution transformer, 7620/13200 V Primary, 220/440V Secondary, OISC two bushing type, pole mounted w/ grounding lugs complete with accessories	Prosperidad, AdS	3 units	
c) 37.5 KVA	Brand new Distribution transformer, 7620/13200 V Primary, 220/440 V Secondary, OISC two bushng type, pole mounted w/ grounding lugs complete with accessories	Jabonga, AdN	3 units	
Package V – Hauling Trucks				1,900,000
a) 6 Wheeler	Brand new units with cab and chassis and mounted with drop side	Jabonga, AdN Prosperidad, AdS	1 unit 1 unit	
Package VI – Motorcycle				150,000
a) Motorcycle	4 stroke, OHV, single cylinder 155 cc w/ telescopic front fork, suspension rear, swing arm with provision of 10 liters, fuel consumption of 40 km/liter @ 79-80 km. per hour	Sta. Josefa, AdS Jabonga, AdN	2 units 1 unit	

The contract shall be completed within ninety (90) calendar days.

Two copies of the following duly certified eligibility requirements together with the technical and financial bids, all placed in separate sealed envelopes must be submitted to NEDA-CFSP BAC Secretariat, NEDA Caraga, Nimfa Tiu Bldg., J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City:

1. Application for Eligibility (forms could be obtained from the BAC Secretariat);
2. SEC:DTI Registration and/or CDA License;
3. 2004 Mayor's permit or municipal license;
4. BIR Tax registration;
5. Statement of Bidder that it is not "blacklisted" or barred from bidding by the Government or any of its agencies;
6. Income Tax Return for the last three (3) years (duly stamped by BIR);
7. Audited Financial Statements for the past three (3) years and bank statements for years ended 2001, 2002 and 2003;
8. Joint Venture Agreement (if joint venture), profile and qualification statements of firms covered with the joint venture or Articles of Partnership or Incorporation (for partnerships or corporations);
9. Certificate of Dealership from authorized distributor (if an exclusive distributor; include Certificate of Sole Distributorship);
10. Certificate of Acceptance from clients for contracts completed for the last three (3) years.

Application for Eligibility forms and Bid documents shall be available for issuance to interested bidders/suppliers from September 19, 2004 to October 10, 2004. The above Eligibility Requirements shall be submitted together with the technical and financial envelopes on or before 12:00 noon of October 11, 2004 and shall be opened at 1:30 PM on the same day. The opening of bids shall follow at 3:30 PM after determining the eligible bidders. Late Eligibility Requirements and Bids shall not be accepted. The Pre-Bid Conference shall be conducted on September 28, 2004, 9:00 AM at the above address. Bidders may not necessarily bid for all packages. Separate bids must be submitted for each package.

The provisions of **RA 9184** and its implementing rules and regulations, and other applicable rules and regulations shall govern all participants relative to pre-qualification, bid evaluation and award of contract.

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. NEDA Caraga/CFSP further reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not to award the contract and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) CARMENCITA S. COCHINGCO
Regional Director, NEDA-Caraga

(PDI – September 19 & 26, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Negros Oriental
City of Bayawan
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The City Government of Bayawan thru its BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE invites interested suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for the supply and delivery of the following items:

BID NO.	PR NO.	ITEMS	ABC	SOURCE OF FUNDS	DATE/TIME	
					Pre-bid Conference	Deadline/Opening Of Bids
04-161	04-1992	IT Equipment	329,000.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM
04-162	04-1971	Fertilizers	2,650,100.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM
04-163	04-1981	Various Materials for the repair and maintenance of Parks, Plaza and Monument	186,435.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM
04-164	04-1982	Various Materials for the construction of Portable Bleacher	210,150.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM
04-165	04-1987	Office Equipment Motor Vehicle and Other Machineries and Equipment	125,000.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM
04-166	04-1987	1 Unit Patrol Boat	3,000,000.00	General Fund	04Oct 2004, 2:00 PM	18 Oct2004, 10:30 AM

Place of Delivery FOB BAYAWAN CITY WAREHOUSE. **Period of Delivery**: 12 Calendar Days upon receipt of Purchase Order. **Warranty Required** 3 months for supplies, 1 year for equipment. Retention money-or special bank guarantee equivalent to 10% of contract price will be withheld to cover such warranty obligation.

In order to qualify for participation in the public bidding, the bidders should conform to all the eligibility criteria as prescribed under Section 23 of IRR-A of Republic Act No. 9184.

Bid documents shall be available at the BAC Office, Annex Building Sports Complex Building, LGU Bayawan City starting September 24, 2004 upon payment of prescribed non-refundable fee.

Bidders shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in two separate envelopes in the bid boxes at the BAC Office, Bayawan City on or before the deadline of submission of bids.

All particulars relative to eligibility process, opening and evaluation of bids, post-qualification and award of contract shall be governed by the applicable provisions of RA 9184.

The City of Bayawan reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defects or formality therein and to accept bids considered responsive and most advantageous to the government.

Details of bid items are posted at the official website of the City of Bayawan, the www.bayawancity.gov.ph, the G-EPS, and at the GSO Bulletin Boards, Supply Section, LGU Bayawan City. For more information, please contact the BAC Secretariat at Telephone Numbers (035) 531-0638 and 531-0020 local 107.

(Sgd) PANCHO F. VILLASIS
City Administrator; Chairman, BAC

(PDI– Sept. 19 & 26, 2004)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY & TO BID

Interested suppliers/dealers are invited to apply and bid for: **a.) Hand Carried Ultrasound; b.) Pulmonary Function Test Machine; c.) Repair & repainting of exterior walls and soffits of Hospital and Medical Arts Bldg.**

The approved **budget** for this bidding is **a) P1.05 million; b) P2.0 million; c.) 5.0 million.**

The winning bidder shall deliver the requirements within ninety (90) calendar days upon signing of contract.

Interested bidders must not be related to the head of the procuring entity or any member of the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) or BAC Secretariat either by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree.

Prospective bidders may secure eligibility requirements and bid documents from the **BAC Secretariat office, 8th Flr., MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City** after payment of a non-refundable bidding fee of **a) Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (P2,550.00) pesos; b.) Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3,500.00) pesos; & c.) Five Thousand (P5,000.00) pesos.** For any inquiry, please call BAC Secretariat Office at Tel. No. 925-24-01 loc. 3888 ask for Ms. Noemi Nocasa.

I. **PRE-BID CONFERENCE**
The pre-bid conference shall be on 05 October 2004 at 1:30 p.m., Staff Lounge, 2nd floor, MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City.

II. **SUBMISSION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**
The legal requirements for eligibility of prospective bidders must be personally submitted by the duly authorized representative on or before 12 October 2004, 4:00 p.m., BAC Secretariat Office, 8th floor, MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City.

III. **OPENING OF BIDS**
Bids of eligible bidders will be accepted and opened in the presence of bidders or their representatives on 26 October 2004, at 1:30 p.m., Pacemaker Room, Basement, MAB, PHC, East Ave., Quezon City.

The BAC reserves the right to reject any and all bids waive any defects or informalities therein, or accept any bid/s or offer/s which it may consider advantageous and beneficial to the government.

24 September 2004

(Sgd.) **MARCIANO F. GATDULA**
Vice Chairman, BAC

(PDI-Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
CITY OF VIGAN

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

October 3, 2004

The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Vigan City invites consultants to pre-qualify and to bid for the Consulting Services for the Development and Installation of a GIS Based Spatial Data Integration and Thematic Mapping System

a.	Submission of letter of Intent and issuance of Pre qualification document	Nov. 1-8, 2004
b.	Pre bid conference	Nov. 15, 2004
c.	Opening of Bids	Nov. 29, 2004

Pre-qualification document may be secured at the Office of the BAC Chairman.

All bids shall be accompanied with a bid bond equivalent to 2.5% of the total bid price in the form of cash (Phil. Currency) Manager's Check or Surety Bond issued by GSIS or any accredited Insurance Company, payable to the office of the City Treasurer, Vigan City.

All bids shall be submitted to the office of the City Administrator on November 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. after which will be open in the presence of BAC and bidders of their authorized representatives.

All particulars relative to Bidding Processes shall be governed by the Rules and Regulation of RA 9184 and its IRR.

The city government reserves the right to reject bids or waive defect contained therein and accept an offer most advantageous to the government.

BID & AWARDS COMMITTEE

(PDI – Sept. 26 & Oct. 3, 2004)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
'AMANG' RODRIGUEZ MEDICAL CENTER
Marikina City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY TO BID

The 'Amang' Rodriguez Medical Center, Marikina City, through its Bids & Awards Committee (BAC) invites duly accredited / licensed individuals / sole proprietorship, partnership and corporation to apply for eligibility and to bid for Waste Disposal Collection Service, Medical Gases and Laundry Service.

BUDGET:

- Source : YEAR 2005 MOOE
- Amount : Waste Disposal .... P 747,120.00
- Medical Gases 6,000,000.00
- Laundry Service 1,060,000.00

ELIGIBILITY SCREENING

- **Eligibility Requirements**
  Obtained from : ARMC-Accreditation Committee, Cashier Section
- **Submission of Eligibility Statements** : To the Accreditation Committee not later than 10:00 in the morning on **October 7, 2004**

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/BID DOCUMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

- Obtained from : BAC Secretariat (c/o ARMC Supply Office Telefax No. 941-6841) Marikina City on **October 8, 2004**
- Non-refundable fee : FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PhP 500.00) in cash

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

- Date / Time : October 15, 2004 / 9:00 AM
- Place ARMC Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Marikina City

SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS:

- One sealed envelope with the name of the contract to be bided, the name of the bidder in capital letters, addresses to the BAC, and marked "Do not open until (the date and time of the opening of bids)"
- Deadline of submission : November 8, 2004
- Opening / Date November 8, 2004
- Time : 9:00 am
- Place : Conference Room 2nd floor

APPLICABLE LAW/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- Executive Order # 9184
- The BAC, ARMC reserves the right to reject any of all bids, to waive any required formality in the bids received, and accept the offer most advantageous to the government.
- The ARMC assumes no obligation whatsoever to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss incurred in the preparation and submission of the eligibility statements and bid; it does not guarantee that an award will be made.

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL :

(Sgd.) RICARDO D.G. LUSTRE, M.D., M.H.A.
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION :

(Sgd.) ROLAND L. CORTEZ, M.D., M.H.A., CESE
Medical Center Chief II

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From your great grandchildren **Edrian**, **Angelo** and **Martina**.

Holy Masses will be offered today, September 26, 2004 at the following:

- St. Francis Xavier Parish, Antipolo City .... 9:00 a.m.
- St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Antipolo City .... 10:30 a.m.

CORAZON ONG BERNAL

Peacefully joined her Creator at 8:00 p.m. on 23 September 2004 at the age of 60.

Her loving husband **Vic**; children **Ria** & **Noel**; brothers & sisters **Sonny** & **Chit**, **Boying** & **Fely**, **Medy** & **Omy**, **Connie** & **Mike**, and **Egay** & **Ditas**, and relatives request the pious readers to pray for her eternal rest and everlasting happiness.

Her remains lie in state at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, N. Amoranto (formerly Retiro) St., Quezon City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, 28 September 2004 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Church.

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50. Either can take you to the badminton game

51. Either can take you to the bowling game
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53. Both can drive you to the movie house
54. Both can drive you to the beach
55. Both can take you trekking to the mountains
56. Either can drive you to the province
57. Both can take you kayaking in the rivers
58. Either is good for city driving
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63. Good for delivering books
64. Good for delivering itlog na pula
65. Great for delivering shoes
66. Great for delivering clothes
67. Can be used to take ate to the delivery room
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71. School service for OB
72. Office service for Cherrie
73. So you can make your own way
74. Make your friends happy
75. So you can do car-pooling
76. So you can pick up your long time crush
77. So you can have a place to cry
78. A place to shout when you're pissed at work
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RAV4 4x2 (9.54% dp) M/T	1,048,000	100,000	82,393	56,684	44,979	32,405	26,440	22,433
RAV4 4x2 (50% dp)	1,048,000	524,000	43,913	30,140	23,877	17,128	13,919	11,758

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VARIANT	SRP	LOW DP	12	18	24	36	48	60
VX200 2.0 GAS A/T	970,000	100,000	74,910	51,536	40,902	29,468	24,043	20,396
VX240 2.4 DSL	958,000	100,000	76,507	52,635	41,745	30,075	24,539	20,830
SR 1.8 GAS A/T	896,000	100,000	68,235	46,944	37,260	26,844	21,903	18,578
GSX 2.0 GAS A/T	847,000	100,000	63,815	43,902	34,849	25,107	20,485	17,375
GLX 1.8 GAS A/T	807,000	100,000	60,206	41,420	32,881	23,689	19,328	16,392
GL GAS	698,000	100,000	50,373	34,655	27,517	19,824	16,175	13,715
DLX GAS (15.08%dp)	663,000	100,000	47,216	32,483	25,794	18,584	15,163	12,855
DLX GAS (50%dp)	663,000	331,500	27,625	18,417	14,261	10,230	8,313	7,014
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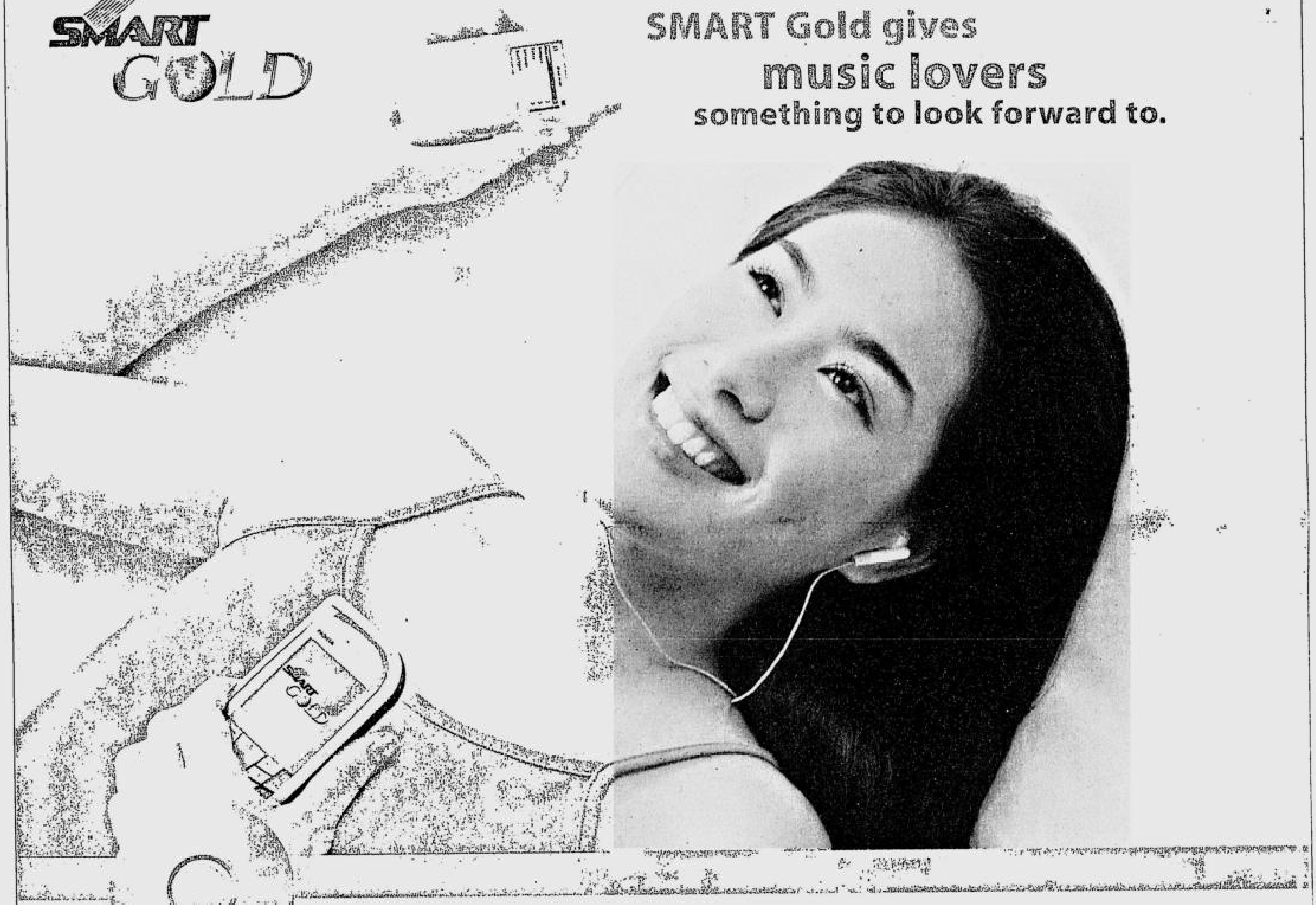

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GMT7	Wake Me Up (Before You Go Go)	Wham!
GMT8	Don't Give Up	Chicane
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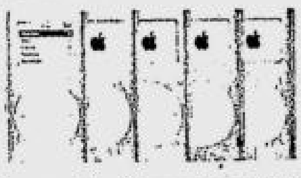

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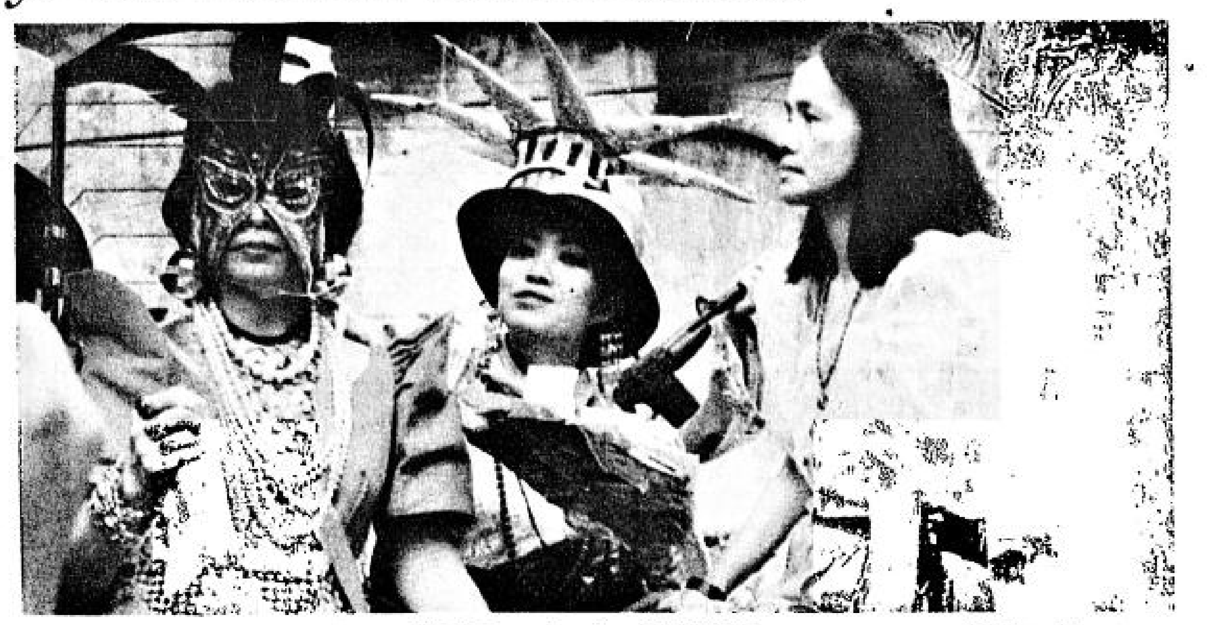
'Lansagin ang ibagsak!'

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando



STREET PLAY in front of US Embassy with CB Garrucho as Imelda, Nikki Coseteng as a crony and Odette Alcantara as Inang Bayan

NINOTCHKA Rosca, self-exiled author and activist, blew into town and UP's Balay Kalinaw for the launch of her book, "Jose Ma. Sison." She looked every bit as I expected her to—in full bloom and fighting form.

She went up to the mike and, overwhelmed by the packed crowd that had come, said, "I feel like shouting, *gusto kong sumigaw!*" and she did. "*Imperialismo!*" and the whole room thundered, "*Ibagsak!*"

In her speech, which was peppered by rapier thrusts, Ninotchka castigated the US for its terrorist tag on Sison. "The US government has no right to make judgment on what happens in the Philippines. It is our war, *wala silang k!*"

"Who killed Dr. Juan Escandor? (slain in Bicol; torturers broke his skull, scooped out his brains and in their place stuffed his jockey briefs). Who killed Dr. Bobby de la Paz? (shot in his clinic in Samar). Who killed Liliosa Hilao? (tortured and raped in a military prison, later found dead from muriatic acid poisoning). Who killed Jessica Sales? (student activist who disappeared in Southern Tagalog). Who assassinated Lean Alejandro? (secretary general of Bagong Alyansang Makabayan). Who killed Ka Lando Olalia? (labor leader abducted with his driver, later found dead in his car with newspapers stuffed in his mouth). How come the murderers of our people are not terrorists?"

When the speech ended, this third-generation crop of leftists drowned Ninotchka with bouquets. Luis Jalandoni, head of the CPP- NPA who was also in town, was the next speaker. He acknowledged his wife, "Kasamang Connie," in the audience. What a gathering!

Women's place

The launching ended with another reverberating battlecry of "*Imperialismo—Ibagsak!*" It sounded archaic. I was swept with nostalgia, back to late Marcos time in 1983, when the women's place was in the struggle. My friends, Fe Arriola, Techie Capellan, actress Adul de Leon and several other activists were on the floor of my pad, which was a stand-alone unit in the garden. We were painting banners with angry slogans of "*Ibagsak*" this and "*Lansagin*" that, leading Manny Arriola to exclaim, "Good grief! Why don't you just paint '*Lansagin ang Ibagsak*!' and get it over with!"

The only condition for the activists' use of my pad was that, the moment my husband honked the car horn at the gate, all the banners drying on the railings or on the grass had to be whisked out of sight, dry or wet. My husband was then a senior vice president of Meralco, which had been taken over by Marcos from the Lopezes. Geny Lopez was in prison. No one, but no one, in Meralco talked about Marcos (except in hushed tones).

Husbands' jobs were on the line and males were always being picked up by the military. So it was the women who moved, and never was there such a force! We marched on the streets to protest militarization, human rights violations (especially salvaging), the right to assembly, media repression, anti-labor laws, unemployment, the export of chambermaids, the nuclear plant under construction, grand edifices in the midst of poverty, the Manila Film Festival (or Manila Fighting Fish Festival), the IMF- World Bank borrowings, colonial mentality, Statehood USA, increased taxation, etc.

Welcome to activists

In Quezon City, the starting point of the rallies was the Welcome rotunda. Some friends like Sylvia Ventura (Butch Aquino's sister-in-law), Odette Alcantara, Peng Arriola, I and some others would start from my QC home because I had a good cook and served a delicious *merienda*. We wondered whether the women of 1898—like Gregoria de Jesus and Gabriela Silang—too, were filled with excitement like we were and, in true Pinoy fashion, feasted before sallying forth to the revolution.

Perhaps I was tired of being a corporate wife, of having to fit into a mold of dressing smartly, swilling cocktails and talking shallow. I felt at home in the protest movement where the artists and writers were, and the ex-nuns and priests. Its people were real and seemed to be genuinely searching for a better life. Of the groups, the left, which I chose to join, was by far the most aggressive.

Heading a march, if we were lucky, were Jose "Ka Pepe" Diokno, Lorenzo "Ka Tani" Tañada, Justice 'JBL' Reyes, or Joaquin "Chino" Roces. There was always danger in a rally. You could be picked up any time for any cause—and some just disappeared. The policemen often broke up rowdy rallies with a fireman's hose or even tear gas and beat aggressive student leaders with truncheons. Once we overheard a policeman telling Chino Roces, while leading him to the sidewalk, "*Dito na po muna kayo, tatang, kasi mag wa-water cannon na.*"

On still another occasion, Odette begged a chair from the guard of a building for the elderly Ka Tani to sit on. A bench came, but instead of sitting, the old man stood on it, flailing his fists and adding his own bombast to the rally. In one of the most brutal dispersals, Francisco "Dodong" and Princess Nemenzo's son, Fidel, was shot. My friends ran in all directions, looking for houses to hide in.

Battle queens

Our women's organization was called "Womb." Its *suprema* was Maita Gomez, who led our marches and never got tear-gassed because she was so drop-dead beautiful. Womb was a spin-off from the fiery Gabriela headed by Nelia Sancho, erstwhile Miss Asia Pacific, so we were a kind of battle forces led by beauty queens. Gabriela was originally chaired by Sen. Tecla San Andres Ziga who, to our unending awe, was addressed respectfully in rallies by the hard line labor sector as "Kasamang Tecla."

The gentler Womb was convened by three members of the elite—Mamita Pardo de Tavera, Sr. Christine Tan and Alicia de la Paz. The first chair, before Maita, was the dignified, white-haired Mamita, doctor and TB specialist, whose heart was with the grassroots. More progressive than other women of her time, she hosted our meetings in her gracious home in Dasmariñas village—who would dare go and arrest Mamita there?

Womb's mother, Gabriela, was organized in 1983 by women's advocate Fe C. Arriola, with Techie Capellan and Girlie Villariba in Peanuts Pañares' office. It was envisioned as an umbrella organization for a variety of traditional women's groups—from housewives of poor communities to politicians like Sen. Ziga. The urgent need then was to boycott (not the snap elections) but the earlier meaningless Batasan elections of 1984. Gabriela could not support the boycott, as its broad coalition included government people. And so, in 1984 Womb (Women for the Ouster of Marcos and Boycott) was born. Womb was purely civil society, its middle class concerns very different from those of Gabriela's main constituents—the urban and rural poor. (One of its later-day chairs was Sr. Mary John Mananzan.)

I have two hands

Like Gabriela, Womb was left of center, or maybe left, or left-left, depending on where you stood. Street parliamentarians were arbitrarily boxed according to their political leanings—into "extreme left," "left of center," "center," "right of center"—or "Nat Dem" (National Democrats), "Soc Dem" (Social Democrats) and "Lib Dem" (Liberal Democrats). The extreme left was the underground CPP-NPA, the extreme right, the establishment. Everyone else and their maids were in between. (Somehow, Odette and I escaped classification; we were always just referred to as "*yong dalawa.*")

The red flags went to Liwasang Bonifacio or Mendiola, the yellow flags marched on Ayala Avenue and converged at the Ugarte football field. Later in time, they merged and became a meld, a visual feast of red and yellow banners fluttering in the breeze. Atom (August Twenty One Movement), with its long yellow horizontal streamers printed with Ninoy's face, always led the pack. Makati was where we would be showered with yellow confetti (shredded yellow pages of phone books) raining from the tall buildings of Ayala, the Filipinos for once united for a common cause. It was enough to make you cry.

Armpit rhetoric

The rhetoric of Womb and Gabriela, and the left in general, was downright awful. The protest banners and flyers read: "*Lansagin ang dictadura!*" "*Ipaglaban ang demokrasya!*" "*Sumulong at lumaban!*" "*Igiit ang karapatan!*" The slogans were artless, humorless and repetitive. And they were always accompanied by the *taas kamao*, the upraised arm and clenched fist, leading Odette Alcantara to dub it "*kilikili* rhetoric" since all you could see were armpits.

Obviously the *kilikili* had to be deodorized. The reds had no access to the corridors of power, but they had the message. The substance of the left combined with the discreet charm of bourgeoisie was an appealing molotov cocktail.

Womb's debut was a fashion show called "State of the Nation Fashion Show." Fashion was what initially made Womb.

Before each mass action we would meet at Mamita Pardo de Tavera's house, cooking place of rallies and special events. There were at least two rallies a month. We met to discuss the most recent issue, compose a manifesto (always injecting a women's angle or two) and plan the next mass action. Special days were Women's Week in March, May 1 (Labor Day), June 12 (Independence Day), July 4 (Phil-Am Friendship Day), Aug. 21 (date Ninoy was shot), Sept. 21 (declaration of Martial Law), Oct. 8 (Filipino Women's Day, or maybe Gabriela's birthday), Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day). Red-letter days called for full mobilization—meaning a huge march or event. The rest were ordinary rallies. Four activists disappear and the next day we marched a rally carrying their blown-up pictures. We protested the horrendous Escalante massacre and every other human rights violation.

> In Marcos' time, the woman's place was in the struggle, and never was there such a force!

WOMB chair Maita Gomez, circa 1983

INDAY de la Paz

LILIA Fabregas

JOJI Ravina

Free costumes

There was some objection to the planned fashion show as being "frivolous." But on March 5, 1985, a Tuesday, the "Big Kitchen" in Makati Greenbelt Square was full to the rafters with paying guests. The scintillating stars of the protest movement—Ka Pepe, Ka Tani and JBL had the front seats.

We had asked designers Auggie Cordero, Ernest Santiago, Tony Cajucom, Loreto Popioco and Bumbee Ramos to donate costumes for free. Some of them were secret activists themselves, and happy enough to contribute, others were coerced into it, the price of being our friends. Wanda Louwallien, a real life fashion director, was engaged for the show. The stage, as usual, was made by Ed Manalo out of borrowed wood dismantled from stages of other rallies.

Each Womb model represented an issue against the dictatorship. For instance, Olive Tripon in a costume painted to look like one US dollar walked onstage hand-in-hand with her little daughter dressed as P20 (an outrageous exchange rate then!). Melissa Perez Rubio was the Nuclear Plant that would put us in debt, complete with twinkling wire headdress. Gigi Dueñas was Tourism—dressed in *balintawak* in front but backless mini when she turned around. Nancy Reyes was a maid being exported or something. Marivic was Miss Taxes in a sackcloth and a rope around her neck. Daphne Ceniza and Lilia Fabregas were coconut and sugar monopolies costumed in coconut fronds and sugarcane stalks and leaves. Nelia Sancho was in a costume of construction materials as "Edifice Complex." CB Garrucho and Behn Cervantes emceed. There were many more numbers.

The Ibagsak cape

I couldn't really quite dig our ideology; all I wanted was to work hard so that we would have a really good show. (It was my breakthrough to becoming, in my maturity, a theatre producer—hah!) The finale with Maita Gomez brought the house down. She was modeling an honest-to-goodness white silk gown, but when she unrolled her long, long, red cape, it had the words: "*Diktadurang* US Marcos—*ibagsak*!" In full view of that huge audience with NICA infiltrators, we were sure! Everyone gasped. We thought sirens would come screeching and the military would ransack the place. (It ended peacefully.)

No other event of that period had as much media coverage. The press, like fearless Ms Eggie Apostol (Mr and Ms) and Melinda de Jesus (Veritas), always made protest actions seem glamorous, as did columnist Joaquin Roces, whose roll-call of street parliamentarians sounded like a Who's Who. For guidance though, one still read classic leftists like Renato Constantino, Ding Lichauco (and Mao Tse Tung).

Women's groups, as well as male-female ones, grew in number. Aside from Womb and ante-dating it, was Samakana, a grassroots organization led by Petite Peredo. There were the centrist Aware (Yet Severino, Mariel Tolentino, Gila Maramba, Maribel Ongpin, Bing Roxas, Tingting Cojuangco, Narz Lim, Triccie Cepeda, Ching Escaler), the earlier Concerned Women of the Phils. (Nini Quezon Avanceña, Mary Concepcion Bautista, Maring Feria), Now (National Organization of Women), whose incendiary speaker was Lorna Verano Yap, Kababa of Greenhills, Pilipina, Peanuts Pañares' PAEA (Philippine Artists Educational Association) and Girlie Villariba's CWR (Center for Women's Resources). Maita Gomez opened Womb organizations in Baguio (Laida Lim and Baboo Mondoñedo), Central Luzon (Ming Tayag and Minyang Pamintuan), Davao (Jinky Yap), Surigao and Samar.

'Huwag ma'-afraid

The *colegialas* became Teresang Makabayan (St. Theresa's), later handled by Josie Rufino, Kolasa (St. Scholastica), Maria (Assumption), Katipuneras (Maryknoll), Spirit of Mendiola (Holy Ghost), Josephines for Justice (St. Joseph). This inspired the ever patronizing left to invent funny ditties like "*Bandilang* red, *i*-wave, wave, wave, *maki*-fight, fight, fight, *huwag ma*-afraid." By this time, however, there was no longer any doubt about the formidable force of the middle class *kawimenan*.

Women In Media Now included militant writers and broadcasters like Tina Monzon Palma, Ceres Doyo, Sylvia Mayuga, Lorna Tirol, Paulynn Sicam, Jo-Ann Maglipon, Sheila Coronel, Marra Lanot, Rochit Tañedo, Marites Vitug, Arlene Babst and Ninez Cacho. Most of them were writing for Manila Bulletin, one of whose editors was Letty J. Magsanoc. They all dressed in black for their protest march. WIMN was actually the women's desk of Concerned Artists of the Phils. (composed of Lino Brocka, Ishmael Bernal, Nic Tiongson, Pete Lacaba, Behn Cervantes, Marilou Diaz Abaya, Brenda Fajardo and maybe all of Peta (Philippine Educational Theater Association). Pete Lacaba had written a film, "Sister Stella L," in which many of us protesters became extras. The visual artists, Abay (Artista ng Bayan), were concerned too, like social realist painters Biboy Delotavo, Egay Fernandez, Renato Habulan, Neil Doloricon, but also others like Bogey Ruiz.

Who could forget the songs of protest which have become history? What the writers wrote, and the dramatists staged, the musicians composed and sang. There was the popular "Inang Laya" duo Becky Abraham and Karina Constantino, Joey Ayala (whose song on hamletting of a village, "Sta. Filomena," became a classic), Heber Bartolome ("Kalamansi sa Sugat"), Jess Santiago and Asin: Alex Magno fell in love with protest singer Susan Fernandez, Heber Bartolome with *suprema* Maita.

'Lutong Macoy'

About 1985, a small group in Womb began a satirical column in menu form. It was called "Lutong Macoy" by Los Enemigos. Names of important figures in the New Society became a menu of politically charged dishes: Bola-bola Cendaña (referring to the then press secretary). Blas Souffle (Ople was then a Marcos man), Eggs Benedicto (a Marcos crony); Ice-cold Ver (AFP chief of staff); Azucena à la Valencia (columnist who supported Marcos); Macaroni Velasco (crony); Jolly B Cheesburgis (Joly Benitez, chief of human settlements); Okoy Romualdez (Presidential brother-in-law); Olivas Alone hototay soup (chief of airport security); Cocojuangco macaroons (crony). Another smorgasbord was Ihaw-Ihaw Ballot: Pusila Pusit ("*Pusila*!" was the Visayan word used to order the shooting of Ninoy), Dinuguang Tarmac, Bagoong Lipunan, Boneless Comelec with Perez sauce, Crony Norte, Kinurakot na Kangkong at Kamote (KKK), Paksiw na Eleksyon, Pinaupong Tuta, Tostados Unidos with Sapin-Sapin Utang.

The authors were able to keep their identity secret for years, even when they won a Catholic Mass Media, and later a National Press Club award, for press freedom. The trophy from the Archbishop's Palace was received by a proxy who read their acceptance speech: "The trouble with this country is that when you're serious, they think you're funny, and when you're funny, they take you seriously."

The biweekly sallies of Los Enemigos became so popular that Lutong Macoy was written up as a UP thesis on soft political satire as propaganda and became one of the UP Mass Communications department's required readings.

Splitting the Atom

After the Ninoy assassination, new groups appeared everyday. People were angry and raring to march the streets. Everything Marcos did became an instant issue—from the hamletting in Mindanao to denying that he had a kidney transplant. Once, on the way home from a rally, we beheld a picaresque handwritten poster in España: "Ninoy, *di ka nag-iisa*; Marcos, *nag-iisa ka na*; Imelda, *nakaisa ka*; Galman, *naisahan ka*; Ver, *ang pangit mo*!"

For a long time everyone seemed to belong to Lorenzo Tañada's Jaja (Justice for Aquino, Jus-

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MARIEL Francisco, Ayi Malay, Joy Jopson Kintanar, Rolly Kintanar (NPA chief) and Gilda Fernando in maximum security, Fort Bonifacio, 1991

TECHIE Capellan, Aida Maranan, Mely Nicolas, Mary Concepcion Bautista, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Fe C. Arriola and Odette Alcantara in one of the first meetings of Womb at the Heritage Gallery

A TYPICAL rally photo with Maita and other activists, including a priest protesting human rights violations

‘Lansagin ang ibagsak!’

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tice for All), which led a long and impressive march. The yellow force of Butz Aquino and Reli German, Atom, had split into two—Atom Ba (moderates) and Atom Yan (radicals). There was Bayan and its break-way Bandila, and the Marxist Bisig and Pandayan (Para Sa Sosyalistang Pilipinas). There was NA or NAJPD (Nationalist Alliance for Justice, Peace and Democracy), the legal left, which was a favorite target of the military.

Teachers bonded in Act (Alliance of Concerned Teachers), led by Loretta Ann Rosales, a student group in Samaka, organized by Lidy Nacpil. Church women were put together by Sr. Lydia Lascano as Now-RP (Nationalist Organization of Women Religious of the Phils.). Being credible to all, Sr. Christine Tan walked in and out of any meeting, it being left, center or right. She put together the determined AMRSP (Association of Major Religious Superiors). The religious orders could be relied on to harbor underground patriots in their many convents and prayerful retreat houses. Their commander-in-chief was Cardinal Sin.

Doctors organized as Mag (Medical Action Group), with Frank Arcellana, MD. So did lawyers—as Mabini (with Joker Arroyo, Rene Saguisag, Jojo Binay, Tony Rosales, Arno Sanidad, Tony Araullo, Fely Aquino) and Bonifacio (young lawyers like Frank Chavez, Alex Padilla, Bey Fernando). Flag (Free Legal Assistance Group) was for victims of military abuses. They were the glamour league, the men who marched, taking time off from their jobs to express a collective sentiment. They didn't have to be told—in silent tribute to the women, they quietly watched our ranks, subtly moving to cushion us when the military phalanx with shields got uncomfortably close. (At least my husband never told me not to flirt with the left. He just said, "Don't flirt!")

The super-*alalay* gentlemen of the women were artist Onib Olmedo and Manny Arriola, the latter making for free most of the logos of the women's organizations.

Nerd center

The intellectuals were concentrated in Ka Pepe Diokno's Kaakbay, whose originals were, aside from Maris and Cookie Diokno, Randy David, Karina Constantino, Becky Demetillo, Dodong and Princess Nemenzo. Kaakbay later put up chapters in QC, UP (Alex Magno, Anna Fer), in Makati (Butch and Bingbing Santos, Mert Loinaz, Mila Santillan and some free spirits like the elderly Antonio V. Miranda).

Courage was the group of protesting government employees. The dentists' group had a placard that read "Root decay! Loose Morals!" Militant Sr. Mariani Dimaranan led TFD (Task Force Detainees) that helped the detained get their cases heard, sell little things they produced and report brutality to Amnesty International. Underground leftist groups were Kabataang Makabayan and its sister, Makibaka, and the shadowy rightist Light-A-Fire Movement that set fire to buildings in the hope that it would be blamed on Marcos.

The biggest group was always the *sektor ng manggagawa* (labor), joined by the *magbubukid* (farmers) and *mangingisda* (fishermen). Inside dope had it that there were at least 10 million *masa* activists, one million of them organized. It was therefore impossible for the military to identify their leaders.

In March 1985, Womb had the big women's march in Makati. We dressed Odette Alcantara in an old tattered pink *saya*, as a suffering Inang Bayan, and bound her wrists. We removed her thick glasses and ordered her to walk like a Sta. Elena down Ayala Avenue between my cook and Sylvia's maid, who had X-d adhesive tapes over their mouths. A whole group was similarly taped, because during Martial Law nobody could talk back.

In our protest rally in front of the embassy, Odette gallantly reprised her Miss Philippines role, shackled and wearing the same raggedy *saya*. This time she was with legitimate actress CB Garrucho, who was in glittering array as a bejeweled Imelda, and Nikki Coseteng in stylish costume and hat, throwing xeroxed dollars at the crowd (I forgot why). We loaded them on the back of a six-by-six which parked right in front of the US embassy gate. They were eyeball-to-eyeball with the armed embassy guards (even if Qdette couldn't see them). There they enacted a provocatory skit ending with Odette breaking apart the (cardboard) chain binding her wrists (what a ham!), to the applause of the pleased crowd. It was probably the riskiest protest action we staged.

Street soap

Womb's most moving street performance, however, was the march on April 13, 1984, Good Friday, in Ugarte Field. Called "Koronang Tinik," the street performance depicted the brutality of the Marcos military. A purple banner, "Mga Nawawala" (Desaparecidos) was followed by five wailing women, faces covered with black veils and carrying the blown-up pictures of their missing beloved, with names and dates of their disappearance. The next tableau was "Interogasyon," which had a man, naked to the waist, hands tied with a rope held by a captor in khaki. Three *verdugos* were around him, one with a *bayong* over his head, one with a black hood and a fat soldier wearing reflectorized sunglasses. The three took turns pretending to burn him with cigarettes, kicking and boxing him.

Next, "The Water Cure." Three hooded guys carried a long, long hose. The prisoner, hands tied, had the nozzle in his mouth and was writhing in pain. Another guy carried a funnel and alternated the water hose cure with a chamberpot of urine being funneled into the guy's mouth. On to "Electric Shock," which was a prisoner in briefs with wires attached to his fingertips and genitals.

"Bartolina" had a subversive in a kind of zoo cage, with purple bruises and blood all over his body (how we enjoyed doing that gory make-up!). The last fellow was on a stretcher, his T-shirt covered with blood, dead. A placard read, "Shot while trying to escape," followed by a quote, "No one, but no one, has been tortured—Marcos."

Indeed, many of our friends had been incarcerated, tortured/raped or slain from the First Quarter Storm of the 1970s onward. Many homes, at some time or another, had harbored a "wanted" activist or two in a spare room, closet or *bodega*. Satur Ocampo and Bobi Malay were caught and imprisoned in Fort Bonifacio in 1980.

> By this time, there was no longer any doubt about the formidable force of the middle class 'kawimenan'

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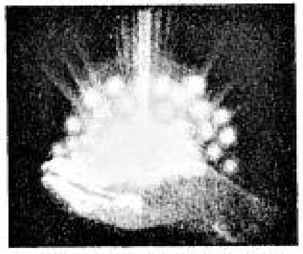

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Inno Sotto's take on Double 10

Compiled by Cheche V. Moral

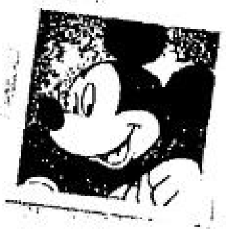
For the new Ayala Museum's first salvo after its October opening to the public, it is hosting Inno Sotto's haute couture show on Oct. 10. Just for fun, we asked the designer to complete 10 lists of 10 things about his show and about himself. Here's the outcome of that session.

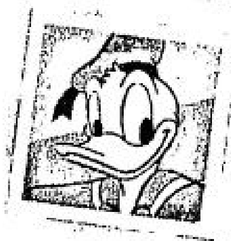
10 things people should know about my show

1. I'm launching a fragrance. It's called ISM. "Ism" is a movement, an ideology. Like, Inno-ism. It can also stand for Inno Sotto Mondo. My fragrance is made in Grasse, France, by Charabot. It took three years to complete the scent. The concept was hatched in early 2001. It was all hush-hush. Like my affairs! It will hit the counters in October.
2. It comes in three variants. One is Deauville. The second is Miró, after the artist. The third is named after the French word for "eight," Huit.
3. I'm launching a 60-second film on the scent as part of the campaign. It will run on TV and movie houses.
4. This is my first show in two years. I will be showing a 50-plus collection of women's clothes.
5. The show is called "Around the Moon: Inno Sotto Five Women."
6. In the business, I've come across five types of women, no particular names. One, very feminine, romantic, into vintage stuff. Two, sexy. Three, artistic, constantly reinventing herself, involved in the arts, theater. Fourth, one who is "boxed," one who has an image, either married to a politician or big member of the community, or an icon, and is either willingly or unwillingly trapped in that kind of situation. The fifth is a combination of all.
7. I doodle a lot so the invites for my show will have my doodles like all my other shows. This show is very personal. It's invitational.
8. I'll have about 40-plus models. Putting it together is Robby Carmona, but production design and concept are mine and Richard's (Tann).
9. It's going to be in the main gallery of the Ayala Museum.
10. It's a celebration of fragrance and fashion.

10 things I enjoy watching

1. Woody Allen movies
2. Martin Scorsese movies
3. Old Walt Disney cartoons and Looney Tunes
4. Babies, infants, until about three years old—just watching do them do their thing is *nakakaaliw*
5. Opera and ballet
6. Local TV commercials like "You know, *walang ganyan* sa States!"
7. A real good basketball game, the likes of Menk, Villanueva, Peek, Asi, Cortez, Yeo, Alapag, Racela in it.
8. Yo Yo Ma playing his music
9. Spanish football
10. BBC's "Hard Talk"





10 style icons

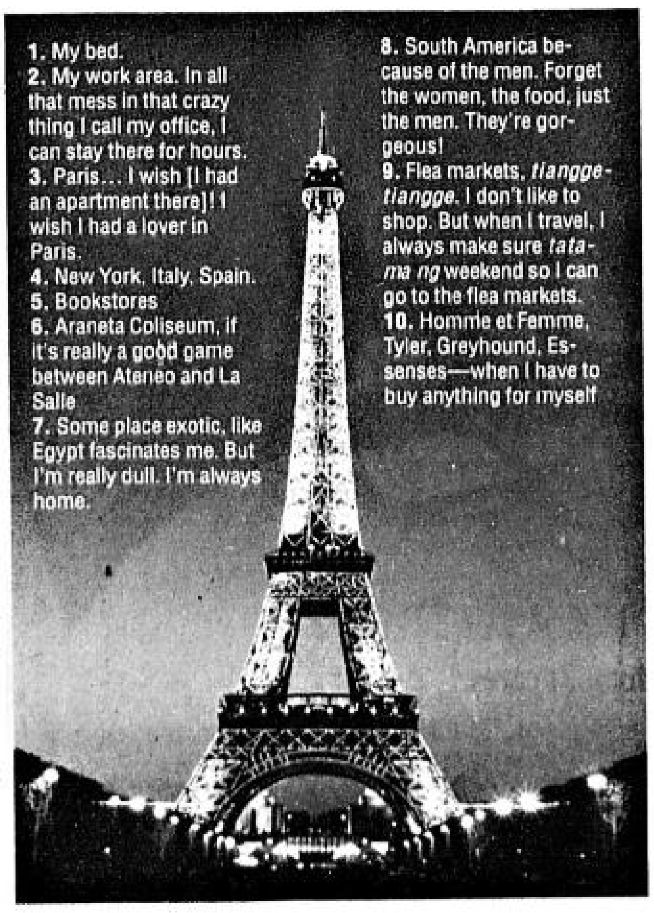
1. Gianni Agnelli
2. Cary Grant
3. Johnny Depp, very bohemian, nonconformist, very Gypsy-like
4. Jack Nicholson
5. Rudolf Nureyev or Mikhail Baryshnikov
6. Coco Chanel. She had a style of her own.
7. Babe Paley
8. Gloria Guiness
9. Duchess of Windsor
10. Tina Chow

DESIGNER Inno Sotto is presenting a collection of over 50 women's clothes in an invitation show at the Ayala Museum on Oct. 10.

10 most DDG men

1. Johnny Depp, delicious!
2. Brad Pitt, of course. *Parang* Adonis *'yan, eh.*
3. Colin Farrell. *Mga 'yan kasi* [yung sex appeal] may suggestion na *likong-kaliwa.* I like the sense of recklessness.
4. George Clooney
5. Benicio del Toro. *Parang* we cannot be on the same island together.
6. Michael Jordan. *Kahit mag*-foul trouble I don't care!
7. James Blake (tennis player)
8. David Beckham—soccer never looked so good
9. Jet Li—he kicks
10. Yo Yo Ma—he soothes

10 favorite places



1. My bed.
2. My work area. In all that mess in that crazy thing I call my office, I can stay there for hours.
3. Paris... I wish [I had an apartment there]! I wish I had a lover in Paris.
4. New York, Italy, Spain.
5. Bookstores
6. Araneta Coliseum, if it's really a good game between Ateneo and La Salle
7. Some place exotic, like Egypt fascinates me. But I'm really dull. I'm always home.
8. South America because of the men. Forget the women, the food, just the men. They're gorgeous!
9. Flea markets, *tiangge-tiangge*. I don't like to shop. But when I travel, I always make sure *tatama ng* weekend so I can go to the flea markets.
10. Homme et Femme, Tyler, Greyhound, Essenses—when I have to buy anything for myself

10 things most people don't know about me

1. I wear size 34 cup B! Ha ha ha ha!
2. A Japanese guy cuts my hair. He comes every two months from Japan to cut people's hair.
3. I sleep with 17 pillows, different sizes and shapes. I love pillows... Asi is the whole mattress!
4. I love Champagne! I love San Mig Light. I enjoy drinking.
5. I like Coke. If I must take a beverage, it has to be Coke. If you pour it in a glass filled with ice and you hear it go, kssst!, ahh!
6. I love Chinese food and I like herbal tea, no sugar...
7. I go to the Adoration Chapel every day, usually at night, any church.
8. I love dark chocolate.
9. I love old fragrances and some new scents. When I go to a department store, I like discovering new scents, skin care.
10. I always travel with candles. Now my favorite is Diptyque Freesia. When my candle comes out, it will be my candle. I'll have [a line of] soap, body lotion.

10 fashion items every woman should have

1. White shirt
2. Black skirt
3. Black sweater
4. Black pants
5. Classic black pumps
6. Classic beige pumps
7. Pearl necklace, any length
8. Pearl earrings
9. Good watch
10. And a good man to provide all those

10 things I will never understand

1. Why people want a list of 10
2. Why people have to ask who in particular I watch when I go watch the (basketball) games—I watch the ball, who has it, who shoots it
3. Why people take fashion seriously, too seriously
4. Why people look for something original. *Sabi* nga ni Chanel, anybody who asks/looks for an original has a very short memory.
5. How people can drink beer when it's not ice cold.
6. Why people smoke.
7. Why people shave their heads, get tattoos and have their bodies pierced.
8. Why women and most men want to smell alike.
9. Why we can't seem to move forward as a nation.
10. Any kind of negative attitude

10 design heroes

1. Christian Espiritu has been very instrumental in my career.
2. Pitoy Moreno was very supportive. People don't know that *lagi nya ako pinagsasabihan at pinapayuhan* when I was starting out.
3. Chanel
4. Balenciaga
5. Charles James
6. Schiaparelli
7. Geoffrey Beene
8. St. Laurent
9. Yohji Yamamoto
10. Rei Kawakubo

10 fantasies

1. A show in Paris again.
2. A show in New York
3. To walk the red carpet, I mean that figuratively, for my dress to walk the red carpet, whatever the event, anywhere.
4. To have a home line
5. One year off my work to travel extensively
6. E.F.R.
7. H.Y.J.
8. G.S.C.
9. A.S.
10. C.T.

‘Lansagin ang ibagsak!’

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By some fluke (or maybe we looked so harmless), Mariel Francisco and I were granted passes to visit them every Sunday of their internment. We brought them sumptuous lunches and desserts and smuggled in wine or beer, while in their restricted quarters Bobi threw a batik *malong* over the *dulang* to serve as tablecloth. On it she put wild flowers in a bottle and lighted candles. Yes, we had good Sundays in Fort Bonifacio.

On the day Bobi was to be released, we were allowed to visit in their Maximum Security quarters, which was adjacent to that of NPA Chief Rolly Kintanar. (He was, two years ago, assassinated by his own partymates, another of the children eaten by their own revolution). There is a picture of us on the day of the release, looking like we were about to be released too.

Left hook, right hook

We learned a lot from the rallies of the left. *Kapit bisig* for one. You hooked the crook of your left and right arms to the ones on either side of you, be they *labandera*, teacher, *señora* or vendor. It was a self-defense against dispersal. A *kapit-bisig* group was difficult to break up. We were taught the "buddy" system—a stronger or younger woman was assigned to hold on to an older or frailer one and never to let go of each other—the difference between "collaborative" and "competitive." We were so impressed with ourselves.

Odette became an expert "nego panel" (negotiation panelist), the first flank of young pretty girls to speak to the first line of the military that is confronting the rallyists. She was articulate and *pilosopo*, she knew how to turn the tables around and question the soldiers instead. Or maybe they saw in us women their mothers-in-law, mothers and wives. Nego panels were there to prolong the activists' time on the street. We learned to obey orders, to trust the decision makers, to think as one and when to run. Don't wear high heels. Keep wet *bimpos* and *kalamansi* in your shoulder bag in case of tear gas.

Most of all we began to really, really understand the problems of our land, courtesy of their relentless dinning through the microphones of the left. That the problem is therefore not just political or social, but a manifestation of its root causes, which have never been sincerely addressed. That one move changes a whole configuration, therefore to always be deliberate, to know where you're going and what led you to where you are. To think before acting and see the best option (such as the tactical alliance between left and right, which paved the way to the Edsa Revolution).

It is now 2004, the Womb activists have now many grandchildren, but the *lansagin at ibagsak* issues and the situation have not changed. Neither the left nor the center nor the right have been able to do much about them. The revolution was successful, but we lost the war. But maybe a change in consciousness, which we have all experienced, takes longer to manifest. Who in the next generation will save us?

This nostalgic piece is for the beloved members of Womb, to our recollection: Mamita Pardo de Tavera, Maita Gomez, Fe Arriola, Odette Alcantara, Techie Capellan, Inday de la Paz, Maris Diokno, Daphne Ceniza, Adul de Leon, Sylvia Ventura, Olive Tripon, Nelia de Castro, Marie Marciano, Mila Garcia, Phyllis Zaballero, Mabel Guzman, Helen Mendoza, Nikki Coseteng, Joji Ravina, Lilia Fabregas, Marivic Dizon, Agnes Sancho, Gigi Dueñas, Myrna Arceo, Hilda Narciso, Laida Lim, Baboo Mondoñedo, Ming Tayag, Minyang Pamintuan, Sonia Sotto, Vi Bondoc, Cecile Lacuna, Archie Ligo, Gigi Anastacio, Sandra Celestial, Avelou Cadeliña and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (who was with us in the beginning of Womb).

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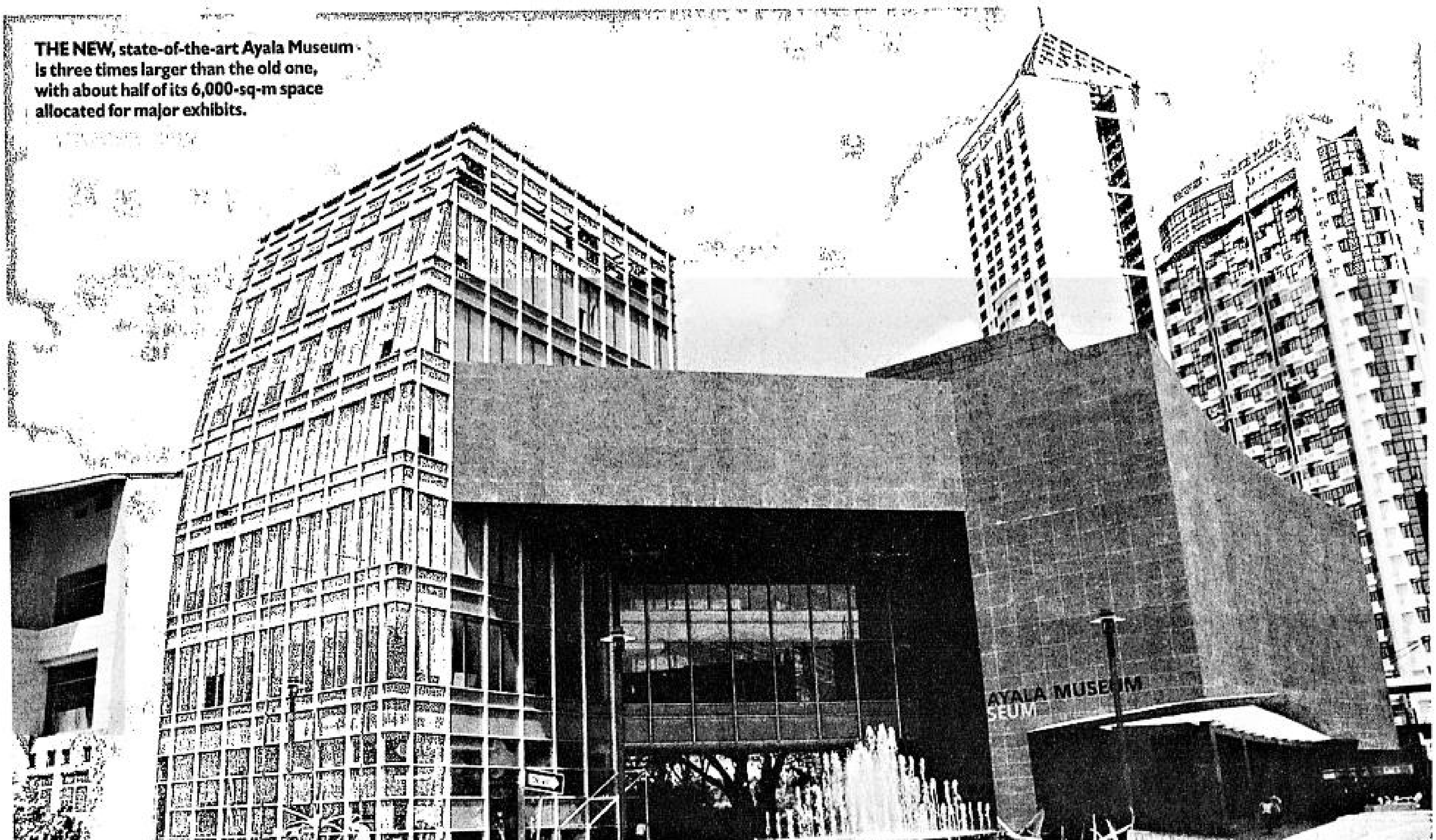

THE NEW, state-of-the-art Ayala Museum is three times larger than the old one, with about half of its 6,000-sq-m space allocated for major exhibits.

Greenbelt adds a cultural and aesthetic touchstone to its many attractions with the makeover and reopening of the Ayala Museum

Museum reloaded

By Gibbs Cadiz

CAN mallrats be museum-goers? Jaime Zobel de Ayala thinks it's possible. "A museum has a place in a pop world," he says.

Particularly when the museum itself is the crowning part of the mall—a jarring but visionary concept that now finds gleaming expression in the newly refurbished Ayala Museum, which occupies pride of place in the prime commercial destination that is Greenbelt 4.

The old Ayala Museum on Makati Avenue, designed by the late National Artist Leandro Locsin, has given way to a striking four-story structure that fuses granite, glass, wood, concrete and steel, with serene Zen gardens at the back and a graceful fountain in front.

"It's like an island in the middle of this busy highway," says Vicky Garchitorena, head of the Ayala Foundation, which oversees the museum.

Part of everyday life

The highway, of course, is the hurlyburly world of Greenbelt and its surrounding commercial environs.

Over 200,000 people are said to pass by the De La Rosa walkway leading to the Greenbelt complex every day. Here, they dine, shop, play games, hang out, watch a movie and generally sustain the notion that mall-going is the country's No. 1 pastime..

But if Nina Capistrano-Baker, Ayala Museum director, would have her way, going to a museum should be as easy and attractive an option as going to a restaurant or a movie any time.

"We want the museum to be part of everyday life. We'd like to cultivate a museum-going tradition in this country such as what we find overseas, that's why it's located right in the heart of Greenbelt, which is very accessible to everyone," she says. "If we only get a thousand of the 200,000 mallgoers every day, we'd be happy."

Getting in the crowds has always been a huge challenge for museums in this historically forgetful, memory-challenged country. Many people see these places as gigantic dust gatherers, dank, musty pits with ancient, creepy displays and cranky, even more paleolithic caretakers.

They're in for a surprise at the Ayala Museum. The glass tower, which houses the museum's commercial operations such as the café, shop, classrooms and offices, is bright and expansive—a zone of spare modern elegance bathed in natural light.

A three-dimensional glass wall runs parallel to the walkway leading to the mall, making part of the museum interiors visible to passersby. These glass walls will hold representative objects from the exhibits to entice mallgoers to drop by and check out the museum's many treasures.

The core of these treasures, housed in the museum's windowless, climate-controlled granite wing, forms the breathtaking permanent collections: the popular dioramas depicting 60 high points in Philippine history, now enhanced with a multimedia "living diorama" experience on the martial-law years and the People Power revolution; paintings by Juan Luna (including the exquisite "Woman with Manton"), Fernando Amorsolo and Fernando Zobel; and various rare archeological, ethnographic and numismatic objects accumulated over many years by the Ayala family and subsidiary units such as the Bank of the Philippine Islands.

Design duality

The museum's design duality is deliberate. "There's a fine line between developing your audience and maintaining your integrity as a museum and as a place of scholarship," says Baker.

Thus, while the first and second floors of the museum are dedicated to drawing people in by hosting live acts, lectures, pocket performances and other interactive, family-oriented activities, the third and fourth floors are designed as sanctuaries for the more serious

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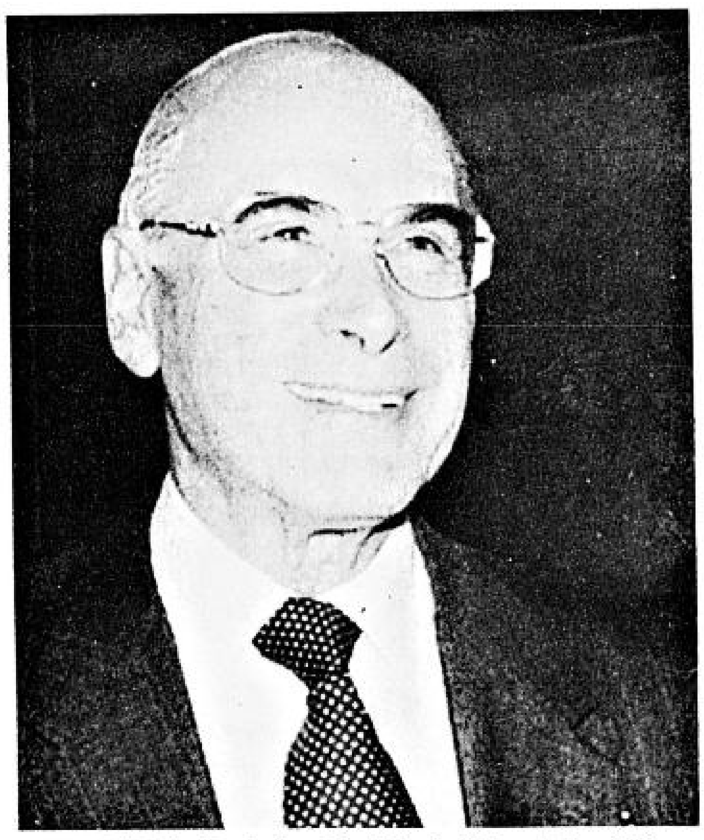
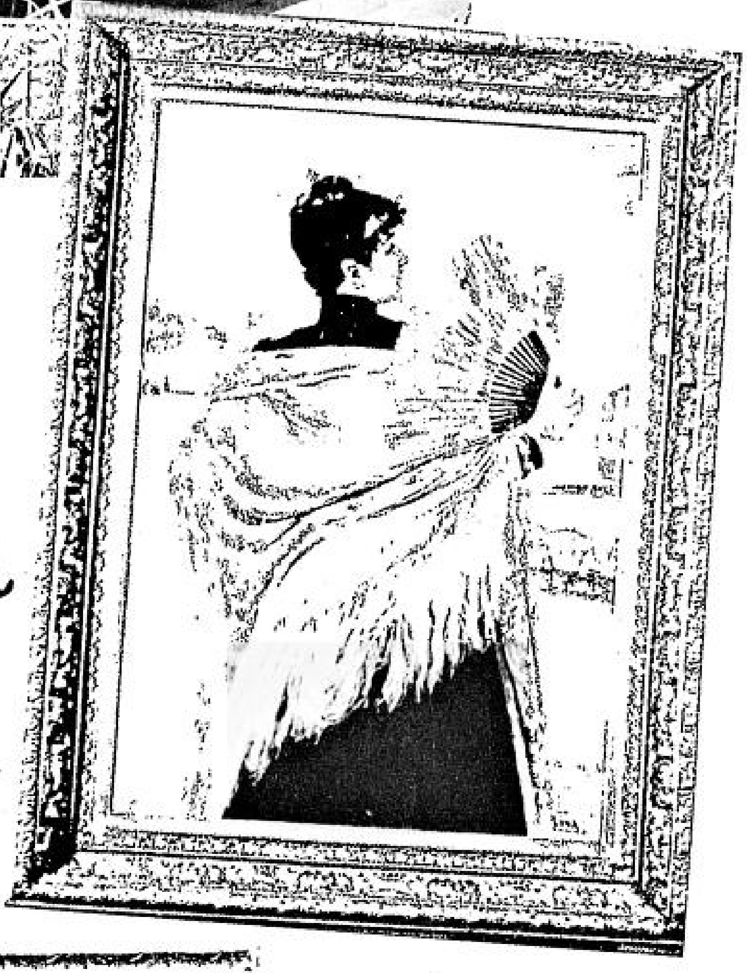
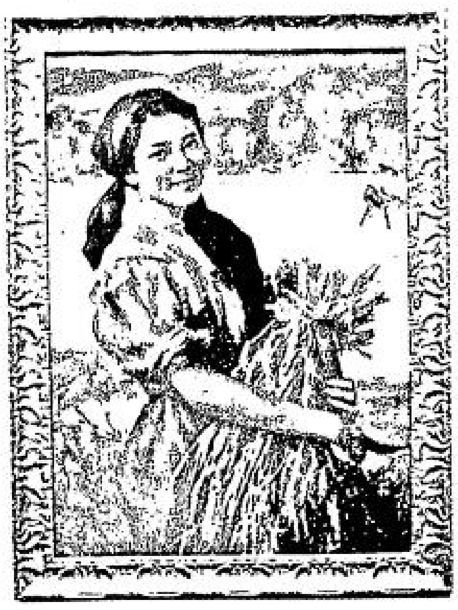


DON JAIME Zobel De Ayala, chair of the Ayala Foundation which oversees the museum, says, "The Ayala Museum is a gift to the Filipino people."

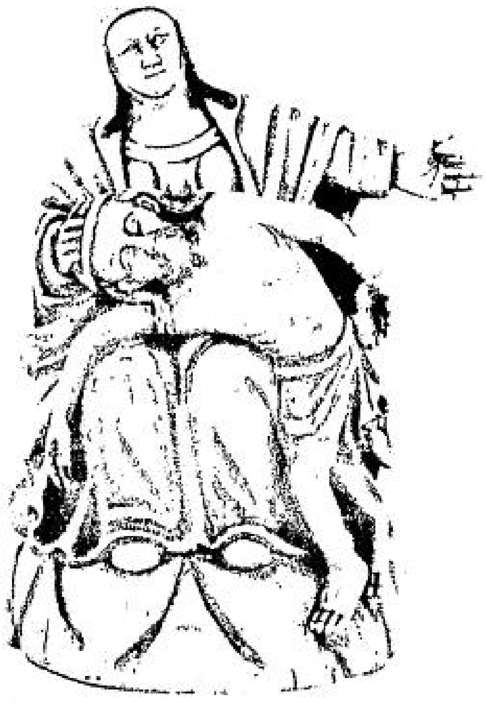
LIGHT N' EASY. Three-dimensional glass walls allow natural light to come in and give mallgoers a peek into part of the museum's interiors.



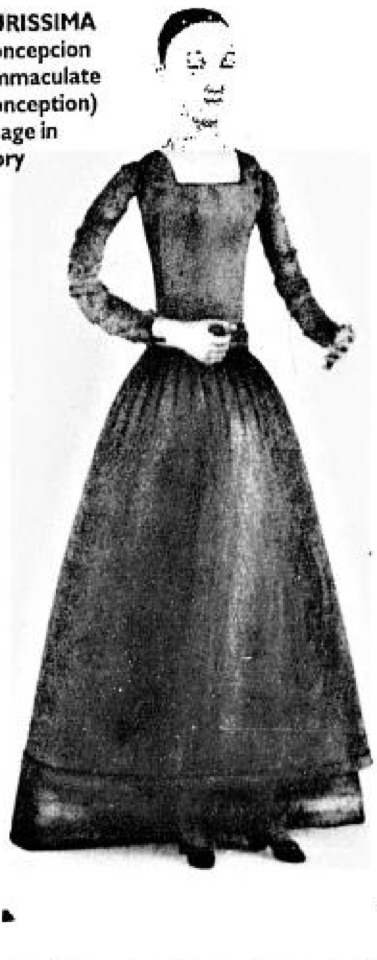
JUAN LUNA, Untitled (Woman with Manton), 1880's—part of the museum's permanent collection



FERNANDO Amorsolo, Untitled (Palay maiden), 1920



PIETA in ivory, from the museum's forthcoming exhibit of Philippine ivory art from the 17th-19th centuries



PURISSIMA Concepcion (Immaculate Conception) image in ivory

DIORAMA depicting the start of the revolution against Spain, one of 60 such dioramas now restored and enhanced with a multi-media presentation on the martial-law years and the Edsa revolution

Museum reloaded

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lovers of art and culture.

"You have dedicated students who want to walk into a room and feel the silence and be able to admire a painting or other works of art, and for that you don't want a thousand kids running all over," says Zobel. "So there's going to be room for everything, including the really serious, sincere collector locally or from abroad who can go into a gallery and admire Philippine art."

And where it used to focus on Philippine history, arts and culture, now the museum seeks to situate these elements within a global context, by making itself a hub of exchange and collaboration with overseas institutions.

"The old museum was more like a family affair," explains Zobel. "We didn't really have a fixed direction at the time. We had a little bit of this, a little bit of that."

With its refurbishment, the new museum is redefining itself as a crux of international cultural exchange by highlighting Philippine art and artists, and showcasing Filipino works owned by museums and collectors abroad to the local public. At 6,000 sq m, it is also three times larger than the old museum. About half of the floor space is allocated for exhibits.

And perhaps as a sign of its seriousness to attract young people to its fold, the museum has hired a youthful but highly articulate curator: INQUIRER opinion writer Manolo Quezon, grandson of the late Commonwealth president Manuel L. Quezon.

Inaugural exhibitions

Quezon, Baker and the rest of the staff will have their hands full with the museum's official inauguration on Sept. 28 and its opening to the general public by October.

Four grand inaugural exhibitions will be showcased, including some 400 ecclesiastical and domestic ivory sculptures from the 16th-19th centuries and three major overseas collections of Philippine watercolors and costumes from museums in Europe and the United States, many of which have never before been exhibited in the country.

In November, the museum is also bringing back, for the first time, the Philippine collection of the Singapore Arts Museum consisting of select paintings and sculptures that chronicle nearly 100 years of Philippine art, from a 1902 Fabian de la Rosa portrait of Rizal to a 2000 work by Nunelucio Alvarado.

"What you will see is the culmination of a dream we've had for over 20 years," says Zobel.

"The new Ayala Museum is a gift to the Filipino people—the high point of Ayala Corporation's 170th anniversary this year," he adds. "It chronicles the journey of our people and it holds treasures that mirror a rich past and a continuously evolving present. As Filipinos, we owe it to ourselves to recognize the value of our heritage."

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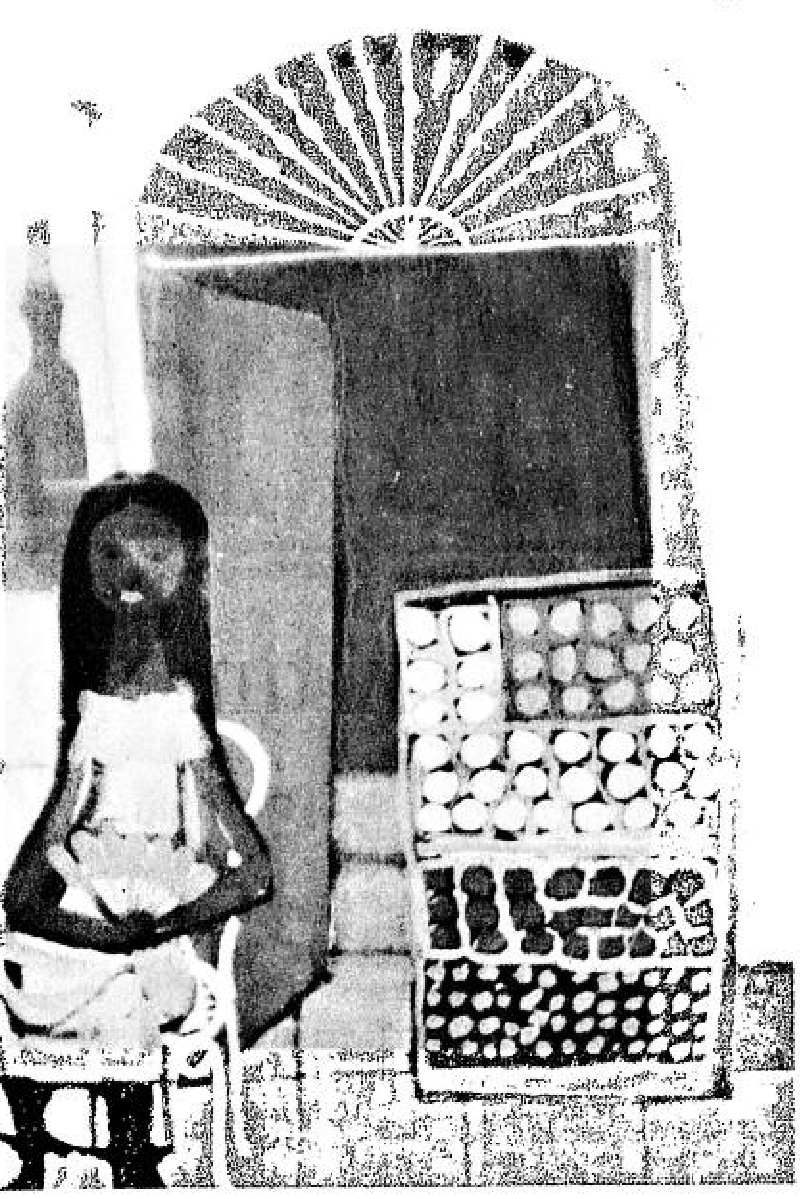

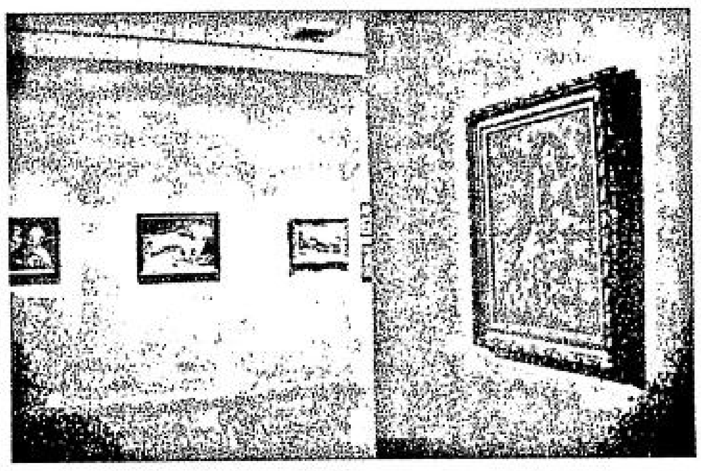

FERNANDO Zobel, Untitled (Maiden beside fruit stand), 1952 (top). Among the museum's strengths is its collection of fine art by Filipino masters Juan Luna, Fernando Amorsolo and Fernando Zobel which can be viewed in the exhibit "Pioneers of Philippine Art" (left).

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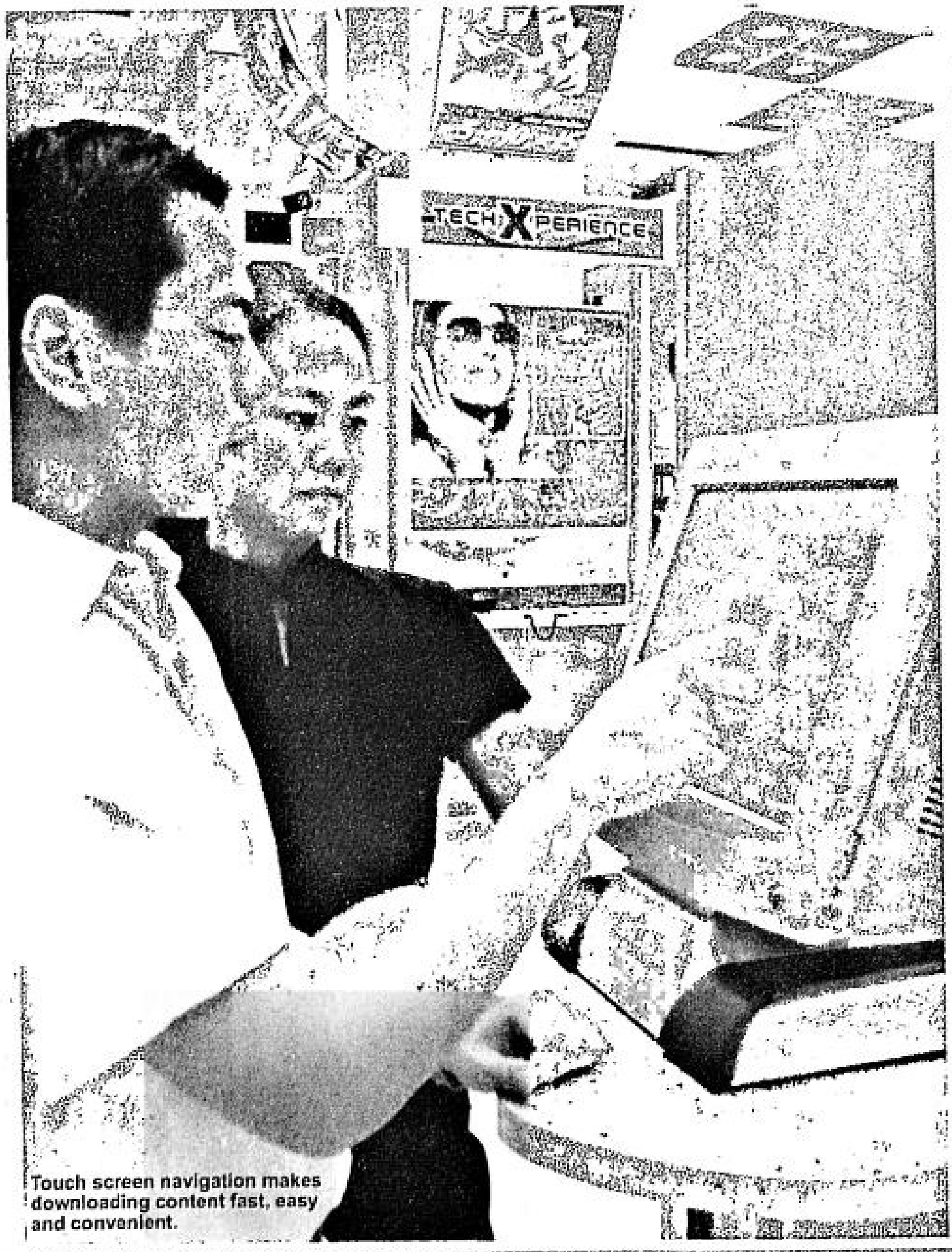

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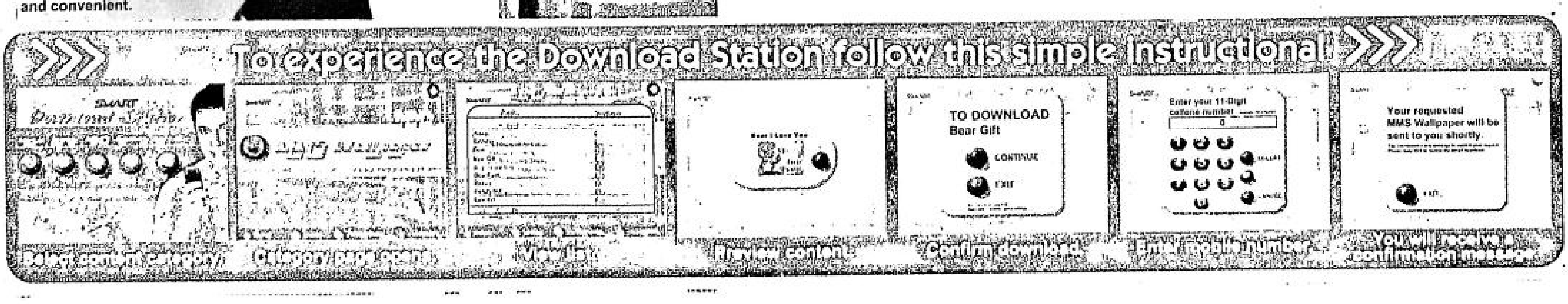

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ANTONIO Austria, artist Lui Medina and Romulo Olazo at Medina's exhibit

HENRY Co, president of Ford Phils., Tom Zeta, chair of Shangri-La Corp. and US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone at the American Roadside Architecture exhibit

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Happy time for art lovers

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

CATCHING up with art exhibits—chronologically, how else?—we relished **Manny Baldemor's** sun-shiny colors that would brighten up any wall. He's done a wonderful series of landscapes of different countries he's seen. His latest series on Portugal was exhibited at the Art Space, Galerie Y of Glorietta 4.

Obrigado Portugal had Portuguese ambassador **Joao Caetano Da Silva** doing the honors for Manny's aquarelle works of art.

Then there was US Ambassador **Francis Ricciardone** launching American Roadside Architecture at the Grand Atrium of Shangri-La Plaza, an exhibit of the photo collection of **John Margolies** consisting of a series of images of roadside buildings (before the days of freeways) with their huge signs to encourage motorists to stop.

Interstate highways replaced the old roads and most of the curious structures have now disappeared. Sponsored by Ford Phils., Shangri-La Plaza and SM, the photo event traveled to SM Cebu and SM Davao.

Petron art competition

Among the sponsoring giants of art fests, as you know, is Petron Corp. This year they had ArtPetron 4, a national student art competition. Both oil paintings and photographs are exhibited at the lobby of the elegant Petron Plaza. On hand for the opening were chair **Nicasio Alcantara** and **Khalid D. Al-faddagh**, president and CEO, with National Artist **Billy Abueva, Lizzie Zobel,** Saudi Arabian Ambassador **Mohammed Ameen Wali** and Rep. **Abdullah Dimaporo** to open the launch. From a total of 550 entries nationwide, 24 winners were chosen. Grand prize winners received cash ranging from P15,000-P50,000, and a trophy designed by no less than Abueva.

Still on the subject of exhibits, there's a bright young star in the horizon named **Lui Medina**, who had her first one-woman exhibit "Peep Show" at the Finale Art Gallery. Combining photography and painting, Medina dealt with essentially everyday objects viewed from distorted off-center angles. The element of voyeurism is emphasized since the subjects were largely unaware when they were photographed. The photos are dark with a rather chiaroscuro effect. Here's to the future.

Lunch with culture VIPs

For a change of pace, we had a splendid lunch at Mexican Ambassador **Enrique Hubbard**'s residence with newly designated Presidential Advisor on Culture **Cecile Alvarez**, National Artist **Anding Roces** who loves Mexican food having been introduced to it in his college days in Arizona, INQUIRER's **Belinda Cunanan** and Philippine Star's brightest star, **Rosalinda Orosa**.

Ambassador Hubbard announced a Mexican delegation would be here Oct. 12-14 to sign the Sisterhood Agreement between the cities of San Pedro Garza Garcia and Makati. On Nov. 21 Mexican pianist **Alberto Cruz-prieto** performs at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

NELLY Valdez, Mexican Ambassador Enrique Hubbard, Rosalinda Orosa, National Artist Anding Roces, Belinda Cunanan, Cecile Alvarez

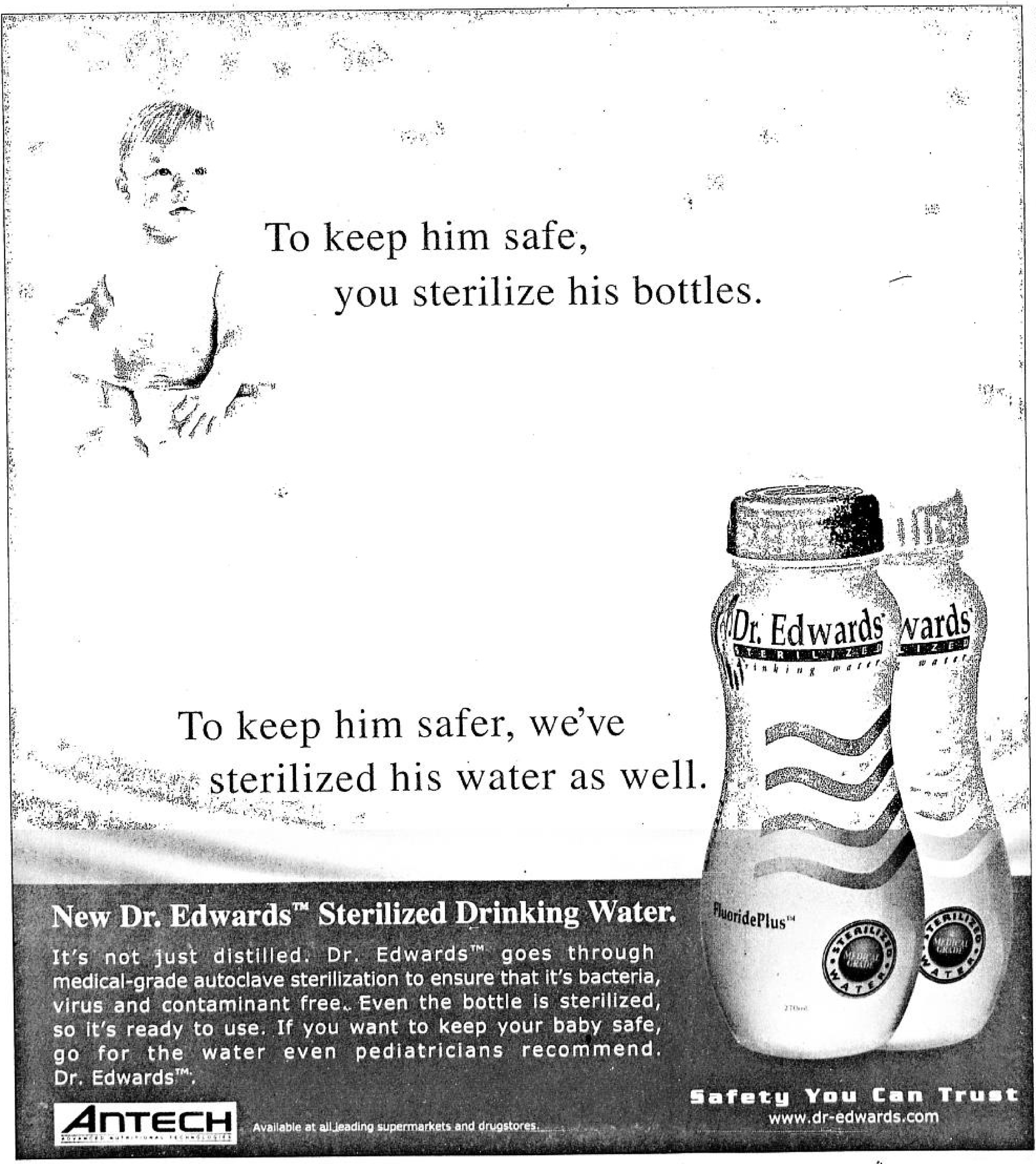
There was a marvelous Celebracion Mexicana of Mexican cuisine at the Hyatt Regency with none of the usual Tex-Mex fare. Guest chefs **Francisco Javier Ake Chi** and **Candita Brigida Gonzalez** from the Hyatt resort in Cancun presented Mole Poblano for the first time in Manila, a chicken dish stewed in chocolate.

Silver anniversary

At the ball celebrating the 25th anniversary of Martha's Vineyard, there was a crush of bejeweled notables at the ABS Tent at the Fort, among them chair **Cecile Oppen**, president **Juda Liu, Nenuca Blardony, Wynda Bautista** and **Josie Teodoro,** to name a few. There were all kinds of celebrities from Senate President **Franklin Drilon** to Justice **Rene Corona** to **Ben Farrales** dancing the Rigodon, to **Louie Locsin** with husband, Rep. **Teodoro Locsin** in tow, and ever-so-affable **Joe Mari Chan**, who emceed the show.

For those who are interested and, of course, you are legion, the ladies looked smashing in their ternos as they danced the Rigodon de Honor, choreographed by **Bujing Danao**. It prompted someone to remark that perhaps we ought to adapt it for all long-gown occasions.

Outstanding in a brown vintage **Ramon Valera** take off on the *baro't saya* was **Marilou Prieto Lovina**. Now how many ladies can get away with that shade and how many couturiers would think of using chocolate brown?



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Going Dutch on flowers

DUTCH floral design master Piet Vellekoop creates a floral arrangement using red and white anthuriums.

DUTCH floral design master Piet Vellekoop, official florist of the Netherlands' royal family, will conduct a seminar/workshop, "A Challenge to Creativity," Oct. 7-8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the convention hall, Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Elliptical Road corner Visayas Avenue, QC.

The seminar will cover floral designs for all occasions and will include hands-on participation.

Capping the two-day seminar is the Second André Awards for excellence in floral design on Oct. 9. The whole-day competition will showcase outstanding arrangements using materials supplied by organizers.

The two-day event is organized by Agrikultura Pilipina Inc. (Agrikultura), with support from the Netherlands Management Cooperation Program (Nederland Programma Uitzending Managers), Federation of Cutflower and Ornamental Plant Growers of the Phils. Inc., Flower Club Phils. Inc., King Louis Flowers and Plants Inc., Jasam Floral Sundries and Puentespina Orchids and Tropical Plants.

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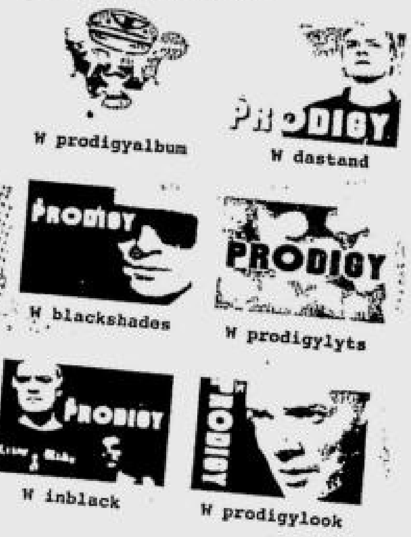

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Cutting-edge living

By Anne A. Jambora

THREE vertical posh residential developments in ritzy neighborhoods The Fort, Taguig and Rockwell, Makati, collectively known as The Edge—One McKinley Place, Fairways Tower and Metropolitan Tower—form a toast to the hip, urban high life.

Developed by real-estate developer Philtown Inc. under its chair Joey Concepcion, The Edge complements metropolitan lifestyles by drawing a delicate balance between style and functionality—nothing too trendy that could border on the gauche, and nothing too practical that could tread on the boring.

One McKinley Place at The Fort is a 43-story building at the heart of Fort Bonifacio, while the 28-story Fairways Tower, also at The Fort, is located at the corner of McKinley Road. Across Rockwell will rise the 36-story Metropolitan Tower, which will include facilities like badminton and tennis courts, swimming pool, gym, etc.

The Edge's vision of high-rise living finds expression in the designs of three of the country's most creative minds—architect and designer Ed Calma, and interior designers Tina Periquet and Martha Orosa-Uy—which are on display at the Commercial Arcade showroom of One McKinley Place.

"These are typical materials, those that you can find everywhere. But combination and design make it very elegant," Calma says of his modern take on a typical 53-sq-m, one-bedroom unit.

Sleeker, more masculine

For his first time to design for a model unit; Calma decided to open the kitchen area, choosing the sleeker and more masculine dark counters of gunmetal over the typical wood or antiseptic white finish. He also used neutral tones to impart a sense of serenity to the constricted home space.

Depth is achieved by allowing the eyes to sweep from the kitchen all the way to the dining area and living room. The center of the room has suspended flowers above the dining table, adding character to an otherwise conventional dining area that's normally adorned with a flower vase.

Lights are recessed against the wall and located at the sides for a warm, soft effect—nothing harsh to illuminate the center.

Calma's preference for Venetian plaster as his walls, with its geometric patterns of aluminum shifts subtly framing the composition, transformed the walls into artwork similar to abstract painting.

"Venetian plaster absorbs moisture, so it also helps dehumidify the space," he says.

Calma is careful, too, about making furniture look, well, too functional. An arty Philippe Starck mirror lazily rests against one wall, and is strategically located in the living room to be appreciated by guests. His drawer looks like sculpture, a wall relief of sorts that adds a touch of art to the mundane.

Refreshing and bubbly

"I'm very passionate. Every color has a way of affecting your mood. I know how they play with your senses," says Orosa-Uy, who successfully put together a living room, bedroom, dining area, kitchen plus washer and dryer into a tight 37-sq-m studio space. Green dominates her space, a refreshing and bubbly color against her dark wood furniture.

Her choice of silk fabrics, soft materials and rich textures gives her design a sexy feel. Orosa-Uy's penchant for things big and small, east and west, is not sheer whimsy, but part of her desire to put her personal stamp into her work.

"I want it to be different because most of the units you see today are into neutral hues," she says.

The restricted space forced her to work against the grain—with beautiful results. For instance, she used large objects that go all the way to the ceiling to stress that the small studio has, in fact, a tall, 9-ft ceiling. It does not create an illusion of space, but by using only one color, Orosa-Uy created a sense of width. The lesser the color, the wider the space becomes.

Orosa-Uy designed a small table at the foot of the bed that can serve as a worktable for, say, a laptop, or as a tray for a breakfast in bed. A bit of imagination is all it takes to make the pieces multifunctional.

In touch with earth

Working on the two-bedroom unit, Periquet had the advantage of having three exposures on her model unit. All two-bedrooms occupy the corner, so she maximized the use of three windows that flooded natural light into the room. Her colors are neutral, and wood is her choice material, especially for condo units.

"Condos are always high up there. Wood brings nature up to you and puts you back in touch with earth," Periquet says. She also used natural stones such as granite and limestone, so its residents would feel rooted to the ground despite the altitude.

Her design is airy and sparse, with one area seamlessly blurring into the next. In the bedrooms, platform beds are made to look like they're part of the architecture—a quiet play on squares that works well by minimizing the clutter and maximizing the space.

To achieve a sense of intimacy, Periquet lowered the ceiling in the dining area. It also served as a centering device, so balance was fashioned despite the slight irregularity of the unit's structure. The lighting, though, is pointed at the ceiling, which appears to raise it and make it feel higher than it actually is.

In one bathroom, two mirrors face each other, achieving infinite reflections and blowing away one's perception of space. "The whole point is to make the small space look big," she says.

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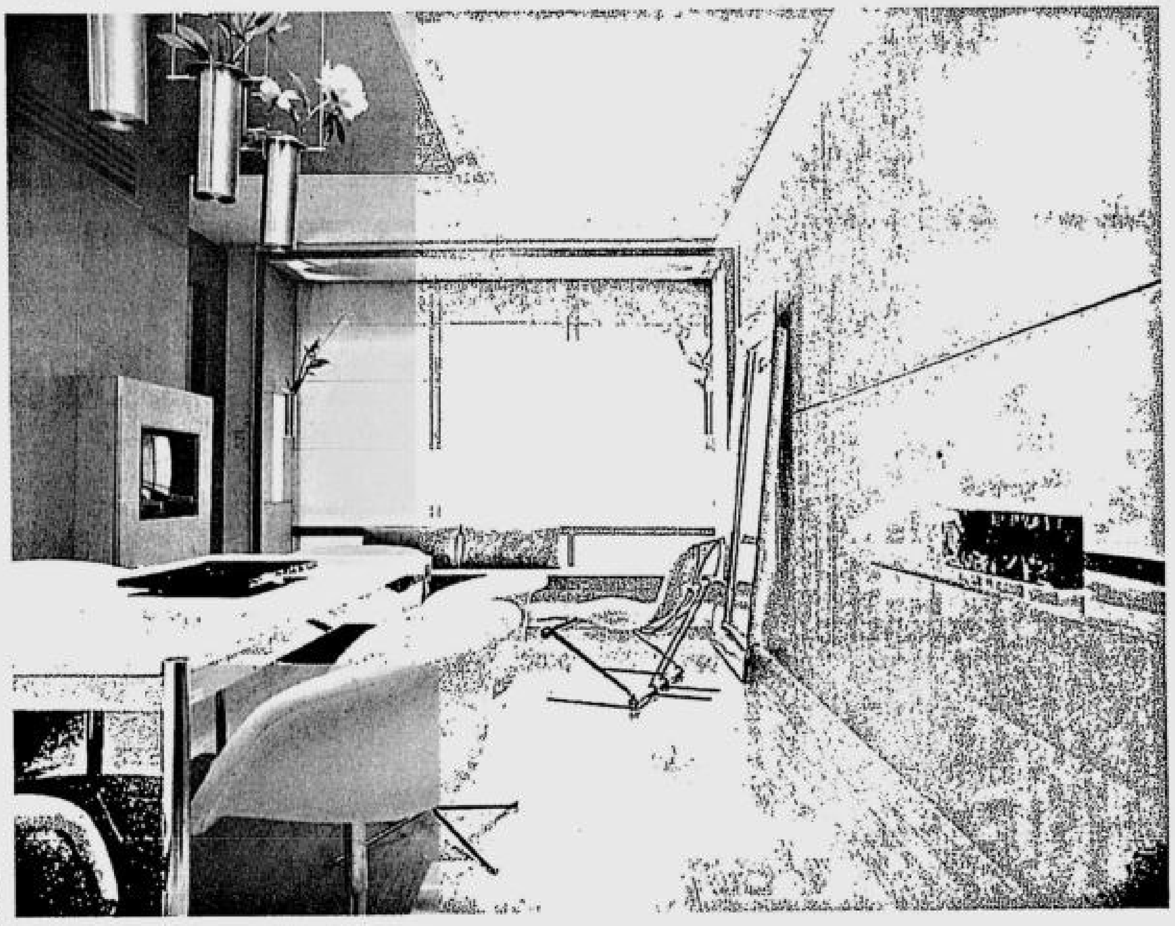

ED Calma adds a touch of art into the mundane in this 50-sq-m one-bedroom unit, using compartmentalization as his main design thrust.

Haribon takes wings

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

THE HARIBON Foundation has been ultra-active lately, thanks in part to its energetic officers, and in part to its creative and scientific teams. Haribon started in 1972 as a bird-watchers society composed mostly of bird lovers from Forbes Park.

In time, it became a foundation, expanding its attention from birds to other forms of wildlife. It is now a nongovernment organization (NGO) focusing on conservation, wherever it is needed in the country. Its logo is "Protecting Nature, Conserving Life."

Haribon has won awards, local and international, for some of its projects, including a book, "Key Conservation Sites in the Philippines," which was done in collaboration with the Birdlife International Directory of Important Bird Areas.

Another project

Today, it is in the middle of yet another project, this time to raise public awareness on the need to conserve the country's wealth—our natural resources. It has been doing this in various ways as one of its mandates but, this time, it is taking a surer way to reach more people in a shorter time—via television spots.

For the campaign "Kapuso para sa Kalikasan," Haribon has signed a partnership with GMA-7. The network will provide airtime for messages, stories and reports issued by the foundation. Details of the arrangement will be announced later.

Haribon has no doubts this will boost significantly its efforts to generate widespread public awareness of our rich biodiversity. "We cannot overemphasize the essential role of mass media in providing the public with vital information about the environment," said Haribon executive director Anabelle Plantilla. "GMA's extensive reach across the country will be a crucial factor in advancing our cause—to give a national push for biodiversity conservation."

On behalf of his network, GMA network chair/president and CEO Felipe Gozon affirmed: "We are fully supportive of projects that directly benefit the environment and are anxious to take every opportunity to advocate concerns related to it," mentioning calamities, like floods, that occur because of degraded forests and a lack of environmental concern.

A market study commissioned by Haribon in 2001 placed the baseline for total awareness about Philippine biodiversity at only 11 percent. After an extensive information campaign, said Plantilla, the figure rose to 22 percent in 2002, an impressive hundredfold increase attributed to the influence of media. The figures are bound to soar even higher with the launch of "Kapuso para sa Kalikasan."

Signatories of the environmental milestone were John Galvez-Tan and Belen King, both board members of Haribon Foundation; and GMA-7's Felipe L. Gozon, president, and Butch S. Raquel, vice president for public relations.

Stickers of birds

Collectors and bird lovers will be interested to know that Haribon has come out with the first series of stickers with pictures of Philippine birds ("Mga Ibong Pinoy"), some endemic, many threatened. They are being sold to raise funds, though supply is limited.

A mat contains 12 stickers, each about 2 sq in, of different birds. These include the Whiskered Pitta found only in Luzon; Philippine eagle and Philippine cockatoo, both found only in the country; Palawan's peacock-pheasant; and Mindoro's *tariktik*. Each mat, which costs P10, is available at the Haribon offices, 4/F Fil Garcia Tower, 140 Kalayaan Ave., QC, tel. 4333474.

Haribon Cup

The Haribon Foundation, which sponsors sports events to raise awareness of the environment and funds for its causes, announces the holding of the first Haribon Badminton Cup this October. Other events it organized recently were the Wild Manila! Adventure Race that brought participants around parks and green and historic spots in Manila, and the First Metro Manila Kite Festival, which required that participating kites have bird shapes.

Recognizing the popularity of badminton, Haribon sees the event as another venue to generate public awareness of the wealth of our natural resources.

PICTURES of Philippine birds are featured on these 2" x 2" stickers, available at the Haribon Foundation office. A mat contains 12 stickers.

The tournament, open to players of all levels, will consist of two legs to be held on succeeding weekends in two separate cities. The Manila/First Leg will run Oct. 2-3 at the Olympic Badminton Club, Rodriguez

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A 'white' garden show

THE LOS BAÑOS Orchid Society (LBOS) will hold a Flower and Garden Show on Oct. 8-17, Senior's Social Garden, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna.

Theme of the show is "Garden Wedding" and it will highlight white flowering plants and orchids. LBOS president Dr. Jean Lasap pointed out that white flowers were top favorites for weddings.

Among the plants that will be showcased during the show include, for shady areas, white anthurium and/or spathiphyllum that flower the whole year round.

A variety of sun-loving white flowered plants are available from trees to shrubs, herbs and vines. The white *kalachuchi* is easy to grow. A large branch can be cut and will root easily. Most white *kalachuchis* will bloom throughout the year if grown in full sun.

Tall shrubs include the white *adelfa*, *pandakaki* and *kamuning*. These plants need full sun to be floriferous. *Pandakaki* flowers several times a year. *Kamuning* also bursts out with dense flowers several times a year, their sweet scent reaching beyond 50 yards. It is also a good source of foliage for flower arrangement.

For small shrubs, one can have *sampaguita* and *kampupot*, which are not really attractive but fragrant. White Angel (*Wrightia antidysenterica*) is a better alternative as it flowers the whole year round. The soil must have a pH lower than seven, preferably around 5.

A favorite small shrub is the dwarf *kamuning*, Morraya Ibarra Santos. The slow growing plant has scented flowers and red berries. It is also an excellent pot plant.

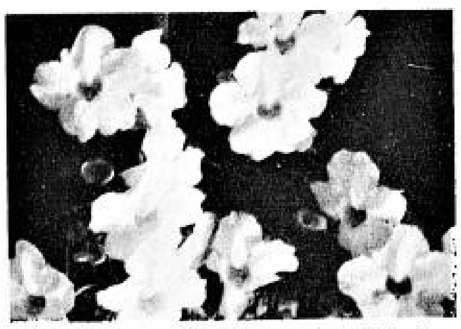
For mass planting of low-growing plants, *chichirica* or periwinkle is a good choice. It will produce flowers the whole year round, although less during the rainy season. It is also often attacked by stem rot during the wet months.

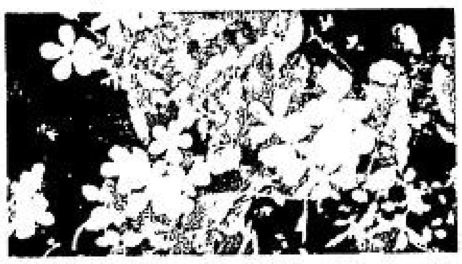
The white-flowered Sagittaria is suitable for ponds. White water lilies are also available but rare.

For orchids, white Dendrobium would be the No. 1 choice. It demands less care than the white Phaelenopsis and can be grown under a full sun.

For vine, the white Thunbergia is a fast grower and can overtake a tree in your garden. Jasmine is a slow grower but provides a sweet for sale. It is a vine with white large flowers in clusters but no scent.

Other white bloomers are the seasonal Melendres and Spider lilies. Tuberose, gladioli and mums can also be added to the list.


WHITE Thunbergia is common but difficult to find in plant nurseries.


THE WHITE Forget-Me-Not is relatively new in the market, but readily available. Propagation is by cutting. Butterflies prefer the purple variety.

Haribon takes wings

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Ave., QC, while the Subic/Finals Leg is scheduled on Oct. 9 at the Remy Field Multi-Purpose Center inside the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

A celebrity match will be held on Oct. 8 in Subic, where well-known movie stars will compete with Central Luzon players.

Leveling games started Sept. 12 and 25 at Olympic Badminton.

Aside from prizes to winners, the tournament has giveaways for raffle participants during the awarding ceremonies at the Neptune Club. Call Michelle Mamaril at 3733471. Proceeds from the tournament will support Haribon's continued efforts toward nature conservation.

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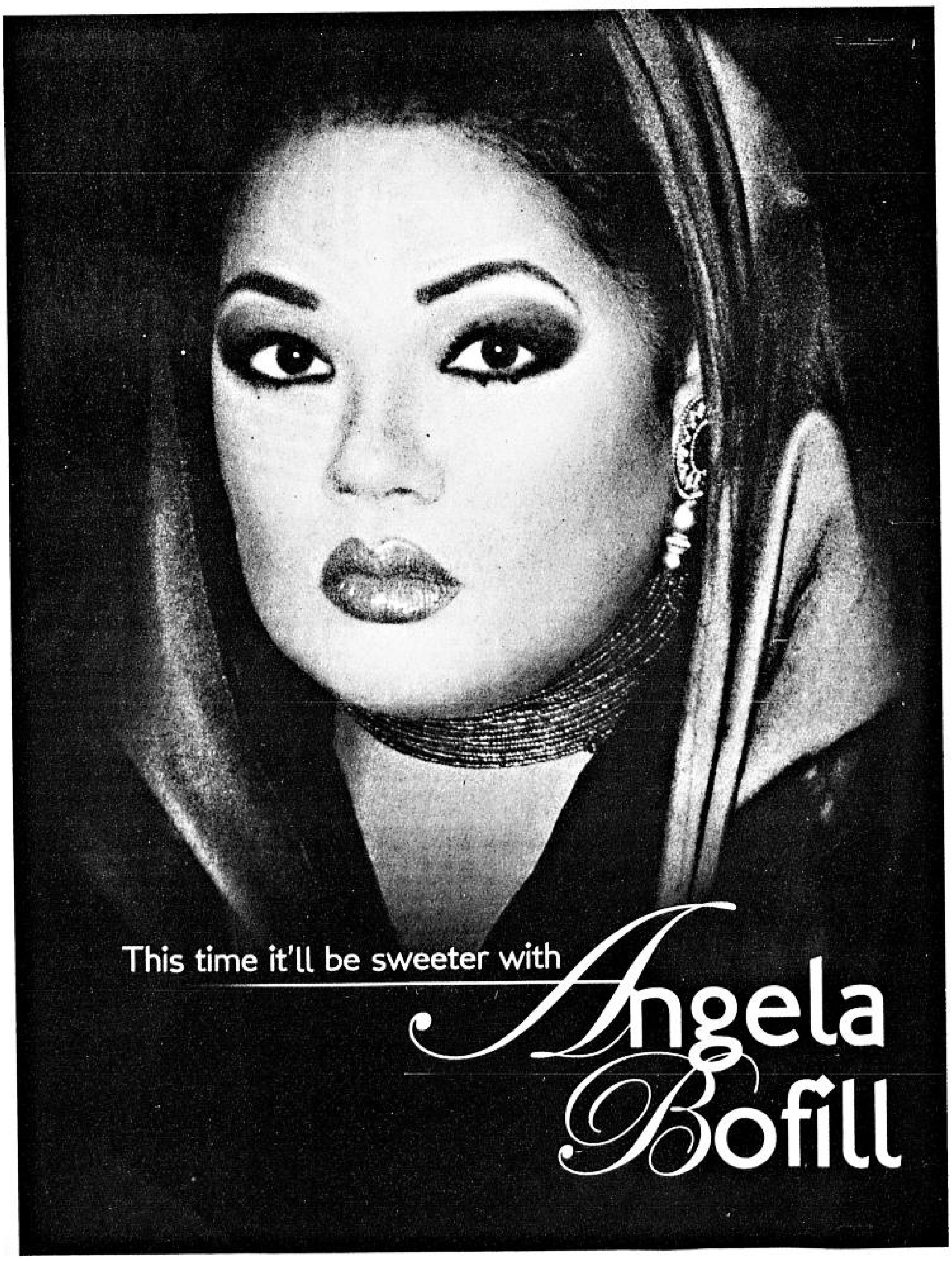
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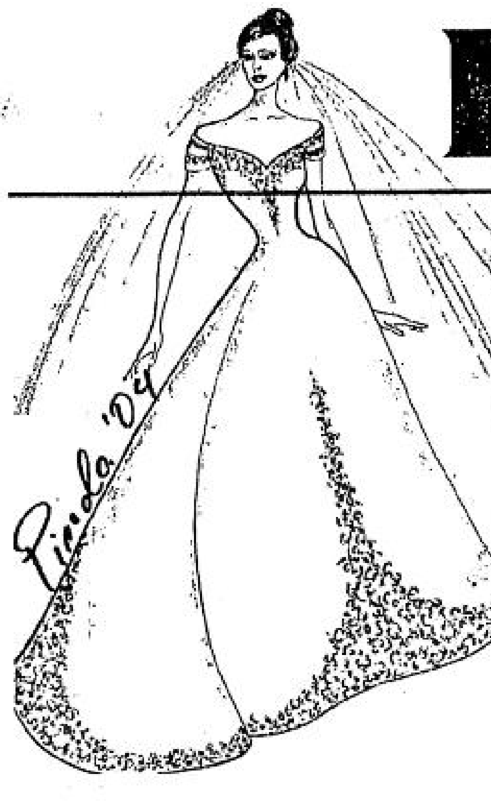

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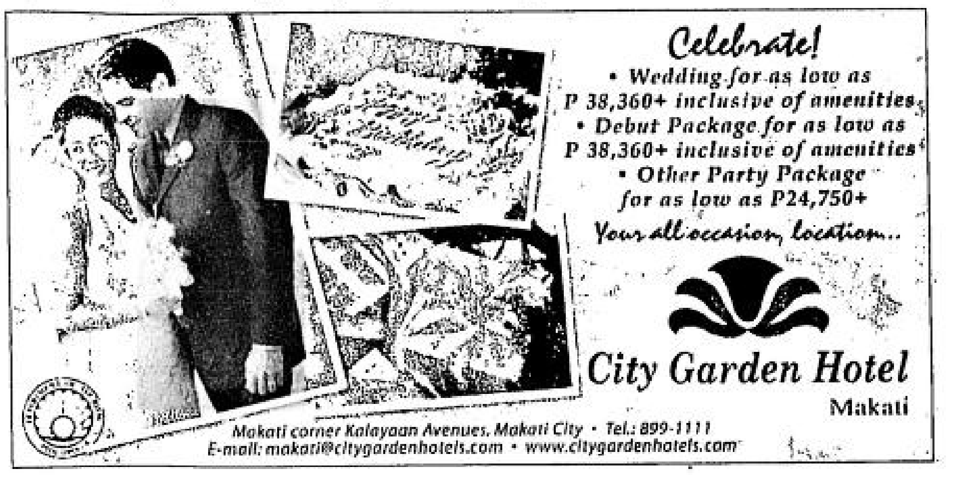
Joan Lim, daughter of **Benito** and **Juanita Lim**, walked down the aisle of the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life on Sept. 19 to exchange marital vows with **Joseph Lim Jr.**, son of **Joseph Sr.** and **Lilia Lim. Eric Pineda** designed the bride's gown using ecru silk satin. He also designed the gowns of the female entourage in red and monochromatic pink chiffon. Reception followed at the ballroom of the Mandarin Oriental, Makati.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VILLANUEVA-HERNANDEZ

Peter L. Villanueva, son of **Rudy** and **Yolly Villanueva**, exchanged vows with **Edna L. Hernandez**, daughter of **Domingo** and **Minda Hernandez**, on Sept. 18 in a garden wedding at Villa Anna Beach Resort, Agoncillo, Batangas. The gown was designed by **Jenevieve Ralo** and done by **Willie So.**

SUBASTE-BALICANTA

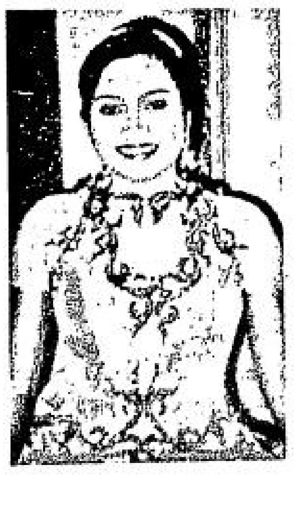
Mary Rose A. Balicanta, daughter of the late **Benigno Balicanta** and **Arcangel Balicanta** of Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, married **Clifford L. Subaste**, son of Mr. and Ms **Rosario Subaste** of Laoag City, on Sept. 18 at Iglesia Filipina Independiente, Sarrat, Ilocos Norte. Reception followed at Pacific Hall, Laoag City. Event coordinator was **Emelie Barba-Agustin** of Jana's Bridal and Special Occasion.

CABRAL-CATING

Monica Therese Cating, daughter of lawyer **Moises Cating** and **Zenaida Cating** of Baguio City, will marry **Brian Michael I. Cabral**, son of doctors **Bienvenido** and **Esperanza Cabral** of Muntinlupa City, on Oct. 2 at Santuario de San Antonio in Forbes Park, Makati City. The ceremony will be officiated by Msgr. **Carlito Cenzon.**

CAPISTRANO-LUZON

Clark S. Capistrano, son of **Edwin C. Capistrano** and **Nerisa S. Capistrano**, exchanged vows with **Rhea S. Luzon**, daughter of **Eliserio A. Luzon** and **Antonina Le S. Luzon** recently at Nuestra Señora De Los Remedios Parish in San Pablo City, Laguna. Reception was held at Coco Palace Hotel.



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WITH BAMBI'S FAMILY: (seated) Lally Hidalgo-San José and son Daniel, Ton and Lita Hidalgo with grandson Diego; (standing) Chinie and Manuel Diaz, Butch and Elvia Hidalgo, Joey and Tisha Hidalgo

A memorable family affair

DR. Christopher John A. Guadalupe and Dr. Margarita Hidalgo-Guadalupe

DR. Christopher John Azores Guadalupe and Dr. Margarita Pedrosa Hidalgo were married on Feb. 20, after three and a half years of courtship.

Chris and Bambi met in college at De La Salle Taft and started dating during clerkship in Medicine proper at the DLSU Health Sciences Campus College of Medicine in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Both Bambi and Chris wanted only very close friends and relatives to attend their wedding, much to the dismay of their parents. So a very intimate gathering was held at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chapel in Hillsborough Village, Muntinlupa. Officiating priest was Fr. Francisco P. Mabanta, Bambi's spiritual director since she was 11 years old. Her uncles, Msgr. Patricio H. Lim and Msgr. Augusto A. Pedrosa, concelebrated the Mass.

Lally Hidalgo-San José, Bambi's eldest sister who lives in Madrid, headed the bridal procession. The ring and arrhae bearers were her 5-year-old son Daniel, and 2-year-old nephew Diego Hidalgo. Beatriz Pedrosa, another niece, was the flower girl.

The lector was Bambi's brother Joey Hidalgo. Readers were sister Chinie Hidalgo-Diaz, brother Butch Hidalgo, who came from Toronto, and Woodrose classmate Pebbles Barretto-Nolasco.

The couple's baptismal godparents, uncles, aunts and their parents' friends were the principal sponsors: Herminio P. Esquivel, Roberto O. Chan, Conchita Romualdez-Yap, Fe Santos-Azcarate, Marietta Dayrit-Roxas, Alberto A. Pedrosa, Maria Brias-Pedrosa and Robin A. King.

Bambi's best friends, Anna Garamendi-de Venecia and Jennifer P. Meer, were matron and maid of honor; Chris' older brother Phil A. Guadalupe was best man.

More close friends and relatives made up the list of secondary sponsors: Tisha Hinlo-Hidalgo, Manuel F. Diaz, Tonya R. Haley, Joey Guadalupe, Melissa Ledesma and Mikey Garrovillo. Bridesmaids were Dr. Andrée Lee B. Garcia, Marge Marasigan and Dr. Sheree M. Calangi. Groomsmen were Chris' close friends and classmates in medical school—Dr. Alvin N. Enriquez, Dr. Jofrey D. Ang and Dr. Dexter G. de Leon.

Reception was at The Palms Country Club. Chris and Bambi's respective fathers took turns in welcoming them to the family. An aunt of Chris, Sonya Gomez treated guests to a soulful rendition of "Ikaw."

Music was provided by the ensemble of Bernie Pasamba. Carol Villanueva decorated the church and the reception venue.

WITH CHRIS' FAMILY: Parents Jun and Rosie Guadalupe, brother Joey Guadalupe, grandmother Fortunata Mariño-Azores and brother Phil Guadalupe

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Milestones

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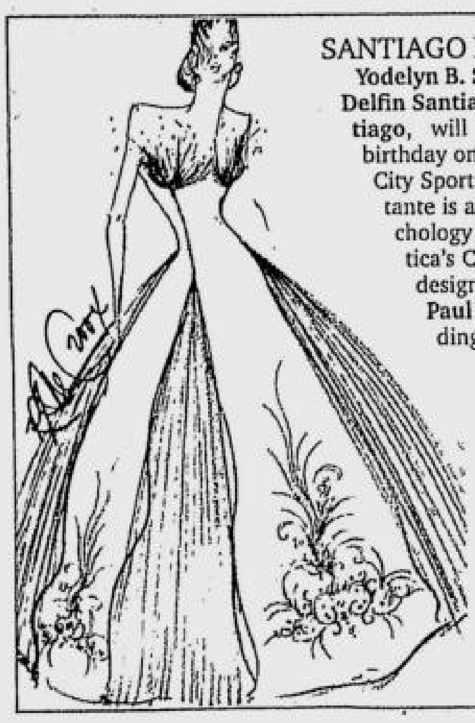


SANTIAGO DEBUT

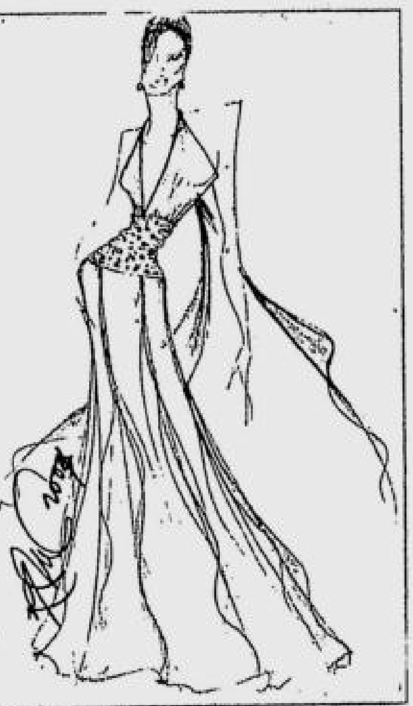
Yodelyn B. Santiago, daughter of **Delfin Santiago** and **Yolanda Santiago**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Oct. 9 at the Quezon City Sports Complex. The debutante is a second-year B.S. Psychology student at St. Scholastica's College. Her gown was designed and executed by **Paul Rex A. Mateo** of Wedding Day.

ROXAS DEBUT

Sophia Celine Angel Roxas, daughter of **Cesar** and **Lina Roxas**, celebrated her 18th birthday recently at Greenmeadows Clubhouse. The debutante's gown was made by **Edward Teng.**

GRUSPE DEBUT

Kimmy Carleen Gruspe, daughter of **Fernando Gruspe** and **Yolanda Gruspe**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Sept. 25 at Fernwood Gardens, QC. A sophomore computer engineering student at De La Salle University, Kimmy wore a gown designed and executed by **Paul Rex A. Mateo** of Wedding Day, Imus, Cavite.



Miracles through the Virgin of Peñafrancia

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

LITTLE Stories of Faith" is a booklet written by Guia Albano Imperial in 1992 on the miracles wrought by God through the intercession of Our Lady of Peñafrancia.

Guia happens to be a fellow Ilocana from Bacarra, Ilocos Norte. She introduced me to the devotion to Ina, the affectionate name given to the Virgin, way back in the late '80s when her husband, the restoration architect Felix Imperial, was involved in the restoration of the old church of the Virgin in Naga, together with architect Letty Limpo.

The restoration was a project of the Peñafrancia Shrine Restoration Foundation headed then by Carmen Villafuerte Bernas who experienced a miracle of healing in 1978. Tita Ming, as everybody calls her, was found to have an atrophied kidney that had to be operated on, as confirmed by a second opinion.

Although she was a devotee of the Virgin since she was young, it was not an intense devotion.

On a flight to Naga for the Virgin's fiesta, she confided her problem to her seatmate, Susana Bichara-Baygori. Baygori advised her to pray to Ina and to join the penitential procession of the Virgin at 4 a.m. This was attended by barefoot women who went through the town holding a rope attached to the Virgin's *carroza*. Tita Ming clasped the image and prayed, "Please, anything but an operation."

On her return to Manila, she was confined at the Makati Medical Center for a thorough checkup. After three days, her doctor told her that, her atrophied kidney could be congenital and it was not affecting the other organs. There was no need for an operation.

It was afterward that she dedicated herself to Ina.

Metro Manila devotees

The image of the Virgin was brought to Manila for the first time in 1987. That first visit helped many, according to Guia who put in order the stories told to her or written on bits of paper.

Her own husband saw the Virgin of Peñafrancia float into his hospital room when he was confined.

Dr. Charito Felipe, president of the Peñafrancia Devotees Association in Metro Manila, together with lawyer Eduardo Castelo, has organized for the past 12 years the fluvial procession of the Virgin from Makati to Jones Bridge. He is the son of Remedios G. Castelo, a faithful devotee of Ina who helps raise funds for the celebration in Metro Manila.

The Triduum of Masses for this year's fiesta were held at the St. Andrew Parish in Bel-Air, Sept. 9-11. The fluvial procession was held Sept. 12 followed by a High Mass at the Manila Cathedral with Bishop Nestor Cariño as main celebrant.

A second edition of the "Little Stories of Faith" is being planned. Those who want *estampitas* can write to me, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Remembering a devotee

While writing this column, I suddenly remembered that the late Albert Seeland was a devotee. Sept. 19, third Sunday of September and the Virgin's feast day, was my birthday. There was no birthday in the past that was not spent with Albert, either during lunch or dinner. Now he is gone. He died in 2000 from a massive heart attack.

Last week I bumped into Nestor Argelio, one of Albert's psychics. We recalled happy times with Albert, missing him very much. Nestor is still reading cards at the Hyatt Hotel. You can text him at 0919-5854863 or call 8331234.

ALBERT Seeland

Feast day

The parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Gen. Trias, Cavite is currently holding the novena to St. Francis of Assisi in that beautiful old church. The church was built in 1753 by the Condesa de Lizarraga, Doña Maria Josefa de Yrrisarri. She is believed to be haunting the convent.

Bishop Chito Tagle will officiate at the concelebrated Mass at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 4. *Hermana mayor* is Lapaz Patriarca. Elizabeth Sapriano vda. de Salgado will be *hermana mayor* in 2005.

Triduum Mass

The Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese will hold a Triduum of Masses at 6 p.m., Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the chapel on Gilmore Avenue, QC. Blessing of the roses and consecration of the relic will be held after the Mass.

The Parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Ramos, Tarlac will be elevated into a diocesan shrine at 10 a.m., Oct. 4, with the prayer and blessing by Bishop Florentino Cinenze. Fr. Archie Cortez, parish priest and rector of the Sons of the Risen Christ, is inviting people to come and venerate St. Therese.

Seminarian needs help

Lucas Napone, a seminarian of the Sacred Heart Seminary in Cagayan de Oro, describes himself as the son of a small farmer and a loving mother. Calling his mother loving caught my attention. He gives the impression of being a dutiful son. If he is, then he will also become a dutiful son of God whom he wants to serve as a priest.

But Lucas is too poor to make his dream come true. He needs help. You can write to him at Sacred Heart Seminary, Aluba Subdivision, Macasandang, 9000 Cagayan de Oro City or call him 7-9 p.m. at (088) 8571121. Thank you for your kindness.

Masses at Ermita Church

Ermita Church will hold Masses at 6 p.m. honoring San Lorenzo Ruiz, Sept. 28; St. Michael the Archangel, Sept. 29; and St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Oct. 1. The Holy Hour on First Friday, Oct. 1, is 7 p.m.

Fr. Sanny de Claro, parish priest, has begun the Saturday Novena Masses in honor of Nuestra Señora de Guia.

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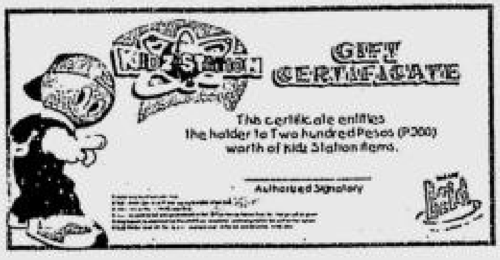

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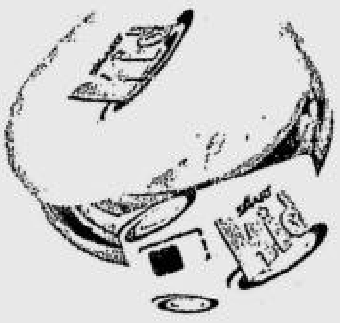

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Save Paris, save earth

Text and photos by Antonio M. Claparols
Contributor

PARIS never fails to amaze me.

It has become my home in Europe and never fails to recharge me. It shows the way to ecological health and symbolizes hope for a better world.

Heading to the Place de St. Michel in the Latin Quarter, I behold the statue of St. Michael standing victoriously over the devil. (A metaphor for the task all of us concerned with the environment are facing: A bit weak but united, we fight the strong to prevent an ecological disaster.)

Strolling along the Quai Voltaire and crossing the Pont des Arts, entering the Palais Royale to the Louvre, down to the Jardin du Tuileries to the Place de la Concorde to the Avenue du Champs Elysees to the Arc de Triomphe, I reflect on this wonderful city that is so full of life and so diverse in cultures.

This is our road, and the Paris I have gotten to love. The immortal words *liberté, egalité, fraternité* will always serve to fire our resolve to make a better world tomorrow.

Despite all the work and tension I face when I attend an IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) meeting in Gland, Switzerland, the thought of later seeing Paris saves the day.

The meeting earlier this year dwelt on issues concerning the state of the environment—climate change, GMOs (genetically modified organisms), water, marine ecosystems, poverty and the UN Millennium Development goals.

The IUCN is the largest international non-government organization. It is composed of over 1,000 members—states, government agencies and other NGOs.

From the smallest issue of water and agriculture in small island-states like the Bahamas to GMOs in South Africa and the de-

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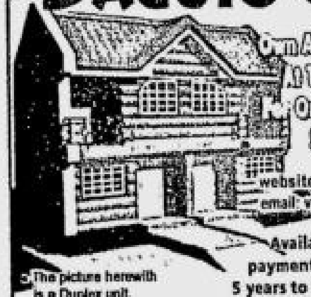

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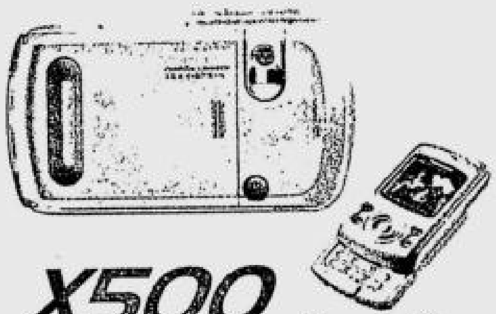

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Save Paris, save earth

Hosting a worlwide meeting of environmentalists, Paris shows why nature should be nurtured

From page F1

bate over GMOs between the United States, Europe and the world, from bird flu to mad cow to SARS, the IUCN concerns itself with it.

I am horrified by the rapid deterioration of the planet's natural capital. Horrified as well by the continued poaching, illegal logging and expanding erosion of our forests, as well as by the rapid decline of our most basic resource, water—the source of all life on Earth.

Soon, wars will be waged to control this natural resource.

I think of lovely Paris (and equally lovely Switzerland) and I feel like shouting in the loudest of voices: Take care of our environment. Stop polluting our land and water. Stop extracting our minerals and leaving a legacy of mining pollution and other atrocities.

Let us be vigilant and preserve our biodiversity.

The World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Asian Development Bank and all other multi-lending institutions—their frameworks must change. If not, the destruction of both the developing and developed worlds will be a certainty.

Our planet is plagued. Global warming is as real as the sun's heat and will spare no one, not even those who, like the United States, refuse to sign the Kyoto Climate Change Protocol.

There will be no place for them to hide and seek refuge in.

Paris remains lovely, but Earth is overheating.

With the passing of time, there is only a shortness of life left to restore.

Across the globe hundreds of species of frogs, toads, salamanders and newts are in dramatic decline. These species are exquisitely sensitive to environmental change and, in more ways than one, are environmental Cassandras prophesying a message of environmental degradation that we don't want to hear.

At the same time, new and serious infectious diseases are emerging, killing not only humans but animals as well.

It's plain to see that our planet has almost reached a state of ecological irreversibility, and that the end of the world as we know it draws ever nearer.

The signals are clear: air and water resources swiftly dwindling, species going extinct even before they are discovered, the polar caps melting.

We must move now to save Earth. Or we will lose everything, including Paris.

The author is president of the Ecological Society of the Philippines and regional councilor of the IUCN..

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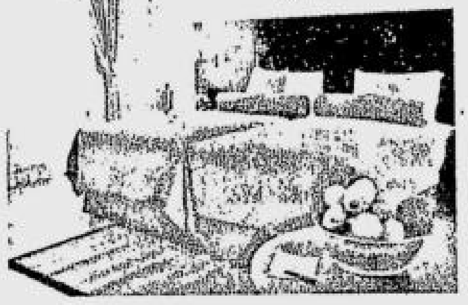

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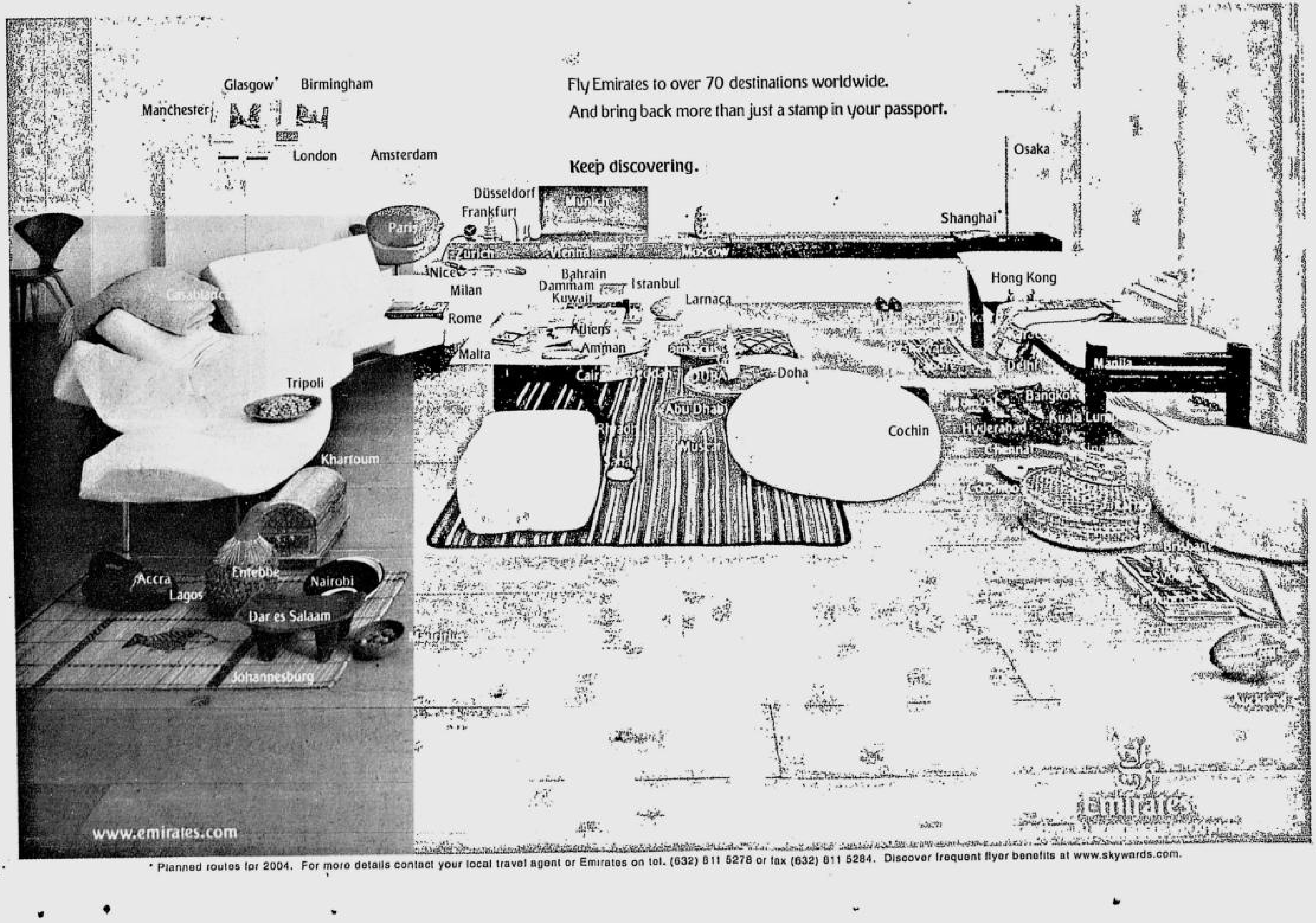

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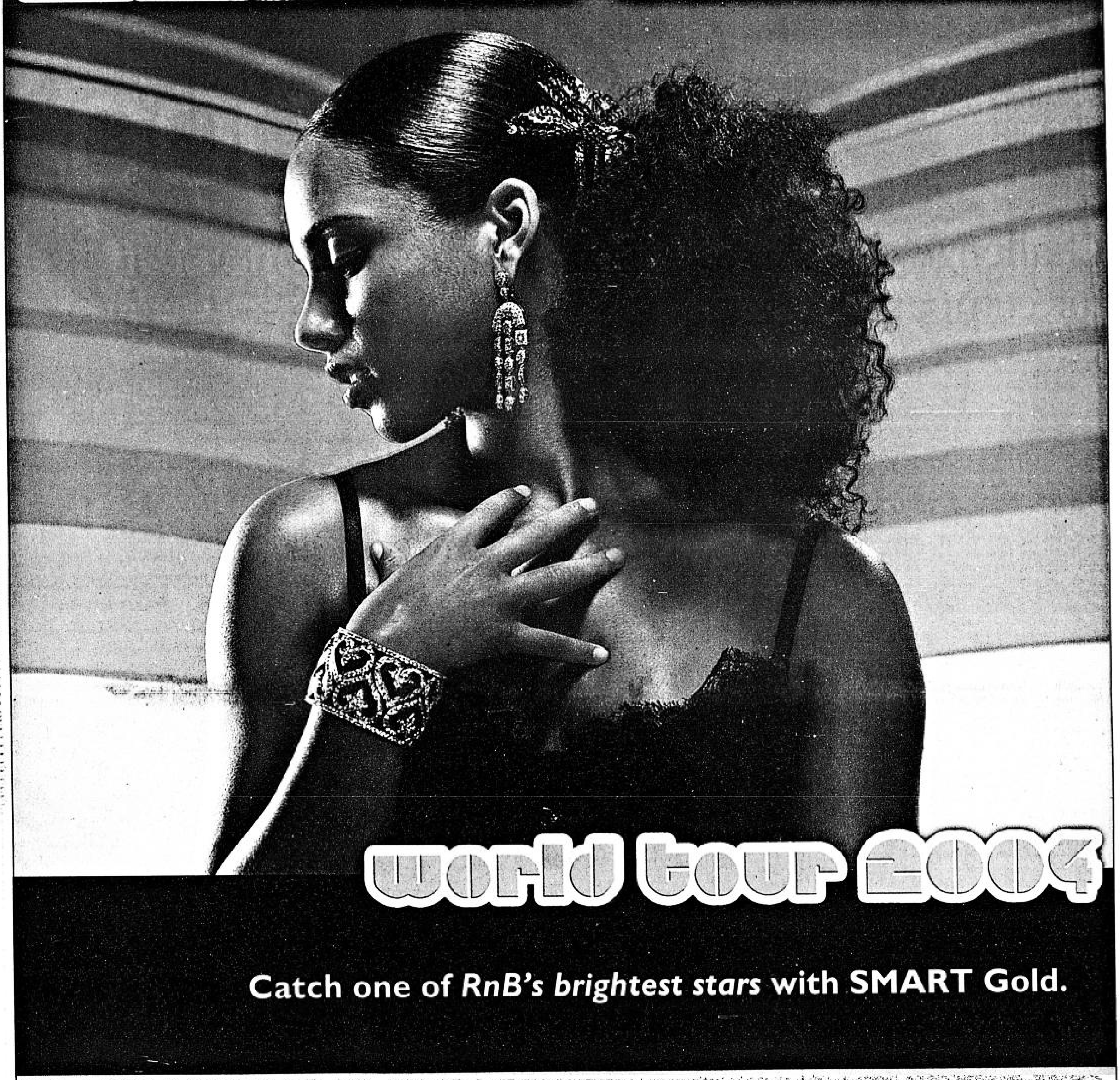

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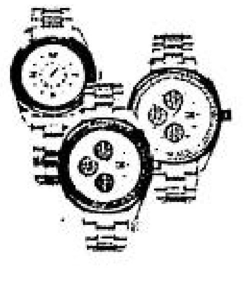

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Prophet of leadership, dealer of hope

PLAYTIME

By the Staff

JOHN C. Maxwell's transformation from pastor to globe-trotting motivational speaker was no epiphany. It was an accident. It started when he wrote books about his faith, and corporate America kept buying them.

"They would say, 'My goodness, this is a pastor who leads people,' " he confided during Playtime when he recently visited Manila.

During his two-day visit (his second), Maxwell gave a lecture-seminar on leadership at the Philippine International Convention Center, and spoke on teamwork to some 25,000 in Araneta Coliseum.

The day of this Playtime, Maxwell met with two presidents in the morning. He was with President Macapagal-Arroyo for 2½ hours, and spent a little time with former President Fidel Ramos. He gave both copies of his book "Thinking for a Change," which reveals that the major difference between successful and unsuccessful people is how they think.

Maxwell has written over 30 books, and though they've been selling well, especially "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" and "The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team," listening to him is an altogether different experience.

What did you discuss with President Arroyo this morning?

I talked to her today about how I know this is a difficult time for the country and I wanted to encourage her, and encourage the people and try to help them understand. She's been reading my books for a few years. I gave her my newest book called "Today Matters." It's a very important book especially for young people. The book says successful people make important decisions early in their lives and they manage those decisions for the rest of their lives. The book helps you know what decisions to make early so you can manage them for the rest of your life. It's a very popular book in the United States to help people with their personal growth.

Do presidents ask you for advice on how to run their countries?

Sometimes they do. Sometimes they don't.

How did you gain your reputation as an authority on leadership?

What happens is, my books are read. So when I come, they already know about me. My books are in 33 different languages, so wherever I travel there are a lot of people who've already read my books.

When you go to different countries, are there variations in your lecture? Do you customize it and take into account local culture?

Yes, you customize depending on whom you are talking to, and in some countries I go to, I have to have a translator because they don't speak English. That takes twice as long because you're giving only half of the material out, because you're waiting [for it to be translated].

Which leaders have influenced your writing?

Probably the first person who influenced me was a fellow named Zig Ziegler. He's kind of a motivational speaker, and what I like about his writings is that they are simple. You can easily understand them and they are practical. And that's how my books are, too. My books are not complex. I like to put cookies on the lower shelf so everybody can have some, you know what I'm saying? I try to really simplify my writing so everybody can understand it and practice it. He was the first person to influence me and there were others who also influenced me.

Another is James Allen, who is a philosopher. And the other influence that's been major in my life has been the Bible. In fact, I have taught so many leadership lessons out of the Bible that, four years ago, my publisher put out what they called the Maxwell Leadership Bible.

How do you deal with critics who say that you have a misguided approach in using Biblical figures in your writing?

They don't know what they're talking about. (Laughter) I mean, you have to understand that historical facts of the characters in the Bible are very well-documented. I'm not trying to convert anybody. But the Biblical characters who exhibited leadership qualities are pretty amazing. In fact, I think what impressed me most about these characters is that they readily talked about their mistakes. They're human. They said it out loud instead of trying to cover it. And I like that very much because leaders make mistakes, and leaders have to ask forgiveness. Leaders fail. We find a lot about a leader by how he overcomes his failures, how he bounces back.

Who are your favorite Biblical charac-

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ters aside from Jesus?

My favorite Biblical character in the Old Testament would be Moses. I mean, think about his job of leading a million and a half complaining Jewish people through the wilderness for 40 years. (Laughter)

David?

David is a great leader. I love him. I really did a lot of studies on him.

Saul?

He was an example of a very good natural leader that went bad and didn't do well. Nehemiah has some great leadership principles in his life. You'll probably learn more from Nehemiah than other Old Testament characters. In the New Testament, obviously, the apostle Paul is the best leader.

Could you name some world leaders who have influenced you?

If you would go back to the last century, the 1900s, I think the greatest leader worldwide is Martin Luther King. He took a dream to the African-American people, and they made great progress. He is a tremendous, influential communicator. Great leader.

Another great leader in the last century was Winston Churchill. I think you determine great leaders by being away from them for a while. I think when a leader is leading, it's hard to tell. But history would tell the truth on a leader. And that's why I've gone back to the leaders who have been there, like Winston Churchill. He gave hope to England during the war when they really needed someone to hold on to. Napoleon said one time that leaders are "dealers of hope." And Winston Churchill did a great job of that.

Another good person who did a great job with hope recently was Rudy Giuliani, who was the mayor after the 9/11 terrorist attack on the US. He did a tremendous job encouraging people, telling everyone it would be okay, calming their fears, and giving a great sense of hope and security.

What do you think of President George W. Bush's leadership style?

I know him. I've spent time with him. President Bush is an excellent leader especially in times of crisis. He is highly principled, does not waver like a lot of politicians. He would stay on course even if it would cost him an election. He told me one time: "I would rather lose an election than lose my principles."

There are different kinds of leaders. There are those who don't do well in crisis, but do well on a day-to-day basis. I would call President Bush a very principled, value-centric, crisis-type leader.

So you think he deserves four more years? (Laughter)

Let me put it this way, I think he will be elected. I'm pretty sure about that... It's seven weeks away and anything can happen, but right now he is leading pretty significantly.

What's lacking in John Kerry's campaign?

Kerry stands for nothing. He's wobbling. (Laughter)

He flops every so often.

No, every day. It's his gift. (Laughter)

And it has nothing to do with his lack of charisma?

He doesn't have that, either. But I don't think President Bush has a lot of charisma, you follow me? It's just that I don't think people personally trust John Kerry. They don't trust him not because he's a bad person. Here's a better word: I don't think they are secure with him. They're not sure what he would do on the terrorist issue, but they know what George Bush would do. But anything can still happen. Iraq could expire in six weeks, which would really be horrible and would cost President Bush the votes.

One of the criticisms directed at President Bush is his lack of intellectual curiosity. Isn't that also a mark of a good leader, the ability to look at different sides of an issue?

Let me say this. I don't think he is the intellectually sharpest president we've ever had. I mean, he's a very smart man, he's a Yale graduate. So he's a smart man, but he's not as intellectually great as Jimmy Carter, who is just brilliant. Being smart doesn't make you a good leader, but being dumb doesn't make you a good leader either, you know what I'm saying?

I think the difference is that, with President Bush, once he makes up his mind that the principle is right, he's going to do it whether people like it or not. And that's how he got elected. The criticism he obviously had was that he didn't go for consensus on the war in Iraq and he didn't spend time developing a good plan.

But he would tell you that we went a few times to the United Nations, and that because they were unwilling, unable or unafraid to act, then we will act, we will stop Saddam, we will be consistent in what we're doing and we really don't care if other people don't like it or not. Very strong.

What about his seeming inability to admit mistakes—for instance, the question on weapons of mass destruction which have never been found?

Have you ever known a leader of a nation who was quick to admit mistakes? (Laughter) Do you know any leader of your country who was quick to say, "Oh my goodness, I was wrong. Please forgive me, I'm sorry"? (Laughter)

Leaders always have reasons for doing things. And he does! He has admitted it. They felt that there were weapons of mass destruction there. But regardless, they will also tell you that we still wanted to go in there and make a change, and so they made it.

I think that's a weakness most leaders have—the unwillingness to admit mistakes. I wrote a book called "Failing Forward," which is a book on failure and how to fail correctly. I think that's a real weakness of most leaders. They are not quick enough to admit mistakes and say that "I made the wrong decision." Sometimes leaders would say they are slow in admitting mistakes because they don't want to bring insecurity to people. My feeling is that the people already know, and if you admit your failure or your shortcomings, you endear yourself to people more because they see you as human.

Is it a sign of weakness on the leader's part to admit his failures?

First of all, let me ask you this question: Do you think that leaders sometimes fail? I do. I think they do. So, if that's the case, admitting weakness isn't a sign of failure. Sometimes the two are confused.

I think covering up a mistake is wrong. I was speaking to about 150 presidents and CEOs of companies once and I said to them, Go back to your people and admit your mistakes. That made them very nervous. (Laughter) And one CEO came up to me and said, "John, this bothers me, going home and admitting my weaknesses to my people."

I said, "Oh, my friend. You're operating under a wrong assumption." He said, "Why is that?" I said, "You're assuming that your people don't know your weaknesses. Well, they do."

What if the leader doesn't know? (Laughter)

That happens a lot. I've seen that. There isn't anyone to tell him. That's a problem, huh? One of the problems leaders have is, if they're not careful, they surround themselves with just "yes" people. I have always thought it better to surround myself with confident people. Now the people who come to me and say, "John, I think you're wrong here or I disagree with this"—I listen to them. But once I make a decision and they're on my team, they better be supportive of me.

I think it's a real weakness to bring people around who won't tell you what they think. I'd surround myself not with people who'd say yes but who'd ask why. We ought to have people around us not to compete with us but to complete us. I think the more people we have to complete us, the better we are as a leader.

If you were to give Ms Arroyo some encouragement, what are the things you think she needs to work on?

First of all, when you have a large country, it takes a lot to turn something around. If you have a big ship, it takes miles to turn it around. If I would encourage her, I would have to encourage the entire country to understand that these problems did not come overnight and they can't be solved overnight. You have to understand that there is a process involved. It takes a lot of patience.

Second, I think leaders have to have hope in the middle of a problem. I think the difference between a leader who's good during a difficult time and a leader who's not, isn't always just a plan. I think it's the issue of hope. A lot of people get very discouraged, and this morning with your President, I really tried to give people hope, tried to make them understand that it's a very difficult time in the country but it's not the first and it won't be the last. There are cycles in any economy, in every country. There are good years and there are difficult years.

Also, obviously, if you don't understand the problem, you can't solve it. I say to readers that they should really have a clear understanding of the issue first. Then they can develop a game plan for solving that issue.

Of all the leadership qualities you discuss, which is the most important?

I very seldom emphasize that one is more important over the other. You can't really say the eye is more important than the mouth or the ear. It's kinda like a composite picture of a leader with all the qualities and characteristics that make up a good leader.

For example, character is very important. People should trust you. If you lose that trust, you really lose your leadership. But character alone doesn't make a good leader. A person can be of good character but not a good leader. He can be honest, trustworthy and with integrity, and still not be a good leader. Character is not something that will make you a good leader, but it disqualifies you if you don't have it. Does that make sense?

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I always point to character, then competence. It's just a fact: Some people are better leaders, and competence is very important to a person who's going to lead.

Is ruthlessness necessary to be a good leader?

Ruthlessness? (Long pause) No. I think there are times when a leader may be... For example, George W. Bush has great support on how he handles terrorism. He will never compromise, and that kind of ruthlessness is probably good.

A positive form of ruthlessness?

Yeah. Ruthlessness can be good or bad, depends on how you use it.

What about morality?

It's part of character. I put that all under being authentic, being who you say you are, being real.

Do you have to be God-centered to be a good leader? Can an atheist be a good leader?

An atheist can be a good leader. Just because you're God-centered doesn't mean you're a good leader. I know a lot of God-centered people who can't lead. (Laughter) I'm not trying to be unkind to anybody.

So it's not a guarantee?

Being an atheist is not a guarantee, either.

Is a leader born or made?

That's the No. 1 question I'm asked. (Laughter) My answer is always the same. Of course they're born. I've never met an unborn leader. (Laughter) Nah, I'm having a little bit of fun.

What you're really asking is, Are people born with leanings or qualities that make them really good leaders, and are there people born who don't have it?

By all means, there are people who have a natural bent toward leadership, just like people who have a natural leaning toward music. I mean, I can't sing. How could others be that good and I'm not? They have a gift. So I think there's also a leadership gift.

But you could always develop a leader. If you don't have any leadership qualities, you can still develop it. I wrote "Developing the Leader Within You" in 1994, and that's the book that really got me recognition because it's the first book that said leaders could be developed. Before that time, people thought you had to be a born leader to be one.

Is it easy to spot a leader?

It is, for me. I could quickly spot people who have leadership qualities, but that is because I am a leader. It takes one to know one. It takes one to show one. It takes one to grow one. Leaders kinda migrate together.

What does a team do when the leader is not effective?

It's very common in countries and in businesses. I encourage people who are in this type of situation to try to develop other kinds of leaders and provide a new generation of leaders. Sometimes it really takes a new generation of leaders to change the whole culture, and I hope people will see it while they are still young. But if I feel like you do, my answer to you is to become a good leader. Make a difference yourself. Your day will come when the leadership position will be in your hands. It's your turn, so make it better.

Who do you think is the greatest American president?

Abraham Lincoln. No doubt about that. I mean, 95 percent of all Americans would say that.

Reagan?

He's a very good leader. He would be on the Top 5.

Clinton?

I knew him personally. He has a great mind and great charisma. Bill Clinton and Ronald Reagan are very alike—people liked them. But Bill Clinton wouldn't rank among the great presidents. I saw the ranking the other day and I think he was ranked right in the middle, around 24th or 25th. In his term of office, nothing happened that was dramatic. I mean, it may be wrong, but all the great leaders of any country are the ones who go through difficult times—Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, George Washington and the American Revolution, Kennedy and the Cuban missile crisis. If you don't have anything dramatic happening while you are president, you kinda fall down. I think that's very true with Bill Clinton.

He also lost his moral authority because he lied to the people, like Richard Nixon.

With your busy schedule, do you still have time for your family?

My two children are now married. We have grandchildren. So it's really Margaret and I—we've been married for 35 years, and I put her on my calendar first. We look at the calendar at the beginning of the year and plan—this is when we want to travel, this is when we want to do this. I just block them off and tell others they can't have these dates. That's very important.

She has been with me to the Philippines before, and she loves Asia. I talked to her on the phone yesterday and she said she wished she could come. I'm going to Ireland and England next, and she'll be going with me there. She's the queen.

Are your kids good leaders?

No, neither one of them is. (Laughter) I mean, they're very good kids, but they're not good leaders. They're doing well—my son's got a home-theater business. But it's not just in the mix. And it's okay.

It's not genetic? (Laughter)

Well, it could be. Both my children are adopted. I think leadership has a genetic link.

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

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ACROSS
1 Sedimentary rock
10 San Antonio shrine
15 Incisions
20 Still valid, as a visa
21 Witchcraft
22 Martinique volcano
23 Auditionee for a Cole Porter musical?
25 Beermaking phase
26 Atlas extra
27 On — with
28 R.R. depot
29 Stop
30 Casino employee
32 One mailing a box of breath mints?
36 Verdi opera
40 Put on weight
41 Roman 1,400
42 Girl who plays hand drums and football?
48 Aunt, in Acapulco
49 Chicken — king
52 Saber relatives
53 Don't go
54 Get — of (obtain)
56 Petri-dish place
57 Bill Clinton's "My Life," e.g.
59 Former press secretary Myers spins records?
63 Expert
64 "— is life!"
67 "Cheers" waitress
68 Home to yaks
69 Skater Lipinski
71 Kiosk that sells a variety of first-aid items?
75 Silents siren Theda
76 Petri-dish gels
78 Fingerprint ridge
79 Lipton choices
81 Verizon rival
82 Gluing together two chocolates?
86 Ancient Greek
88 Escorted
89 Lasso loop
90 Right, on a map
93 Any of Medusa's tresses
94 Mesozoic, e.g.
95 Actress Brenneman
96 One who hocks a tropical fruit?
99 — standstill
100 Egg on
102 — gin fizz
103 Teeth, when neglected?
108 Did over
114 — a kind
115 Former ring king
116 Ethereal
120 Got hip, with "up"
121 Grand master's specialty?
122 Cheerleader's violent act?
126 Fruity-smelling compound
127 High-tech 44 Down
128 Swing to and fro
129 Give new guns
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131 Cutoff dates

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18 Keyed up
19 "Night Moves" singer Bob
24 ER workers
31 Ewe's mate
33 Self-love
34 Vetoer's vote
35 Beam
37 "— a deal!"
38 "I" piece
39 In — rush
42 Responsive to enticing
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44 Interoffice notes
45 Racecar driver Fabi
46 Medical suffix
47 "Later!"
48 Thus far
49 One with a Mobile home?
50 Tiered, frosted treat
51 Teetotaling type
54 Flight prefix
55 Spartan serf
58 Massage
60 Large-intestine resident
61 Light pat
62 Crane arm
65 Rodeo rider
66 Hostess treats
70 Wall St. trader
72 Fido's treat
73 Fort — (old CA military base)
74 "Bali —" ("South Pacific" song)
77 Beethoven perfected it
80 Cub Sammy
83 Shortstop Garciaparra
84 Just out
85 Hiatuses
87 U-turn from SSE
91 "My Gal —"
92 Deuce
96 Short nose
97 Exist
98 According to
99 Penitent person
100 Dancer in the Bible
101 First
103 Liquor lover
104 Cordial flavoring
105 Rodeo rope
106 On cassette, e.g.
107 Skye cap
109 Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
110 Prefix with liter
111 Korean, e.g.
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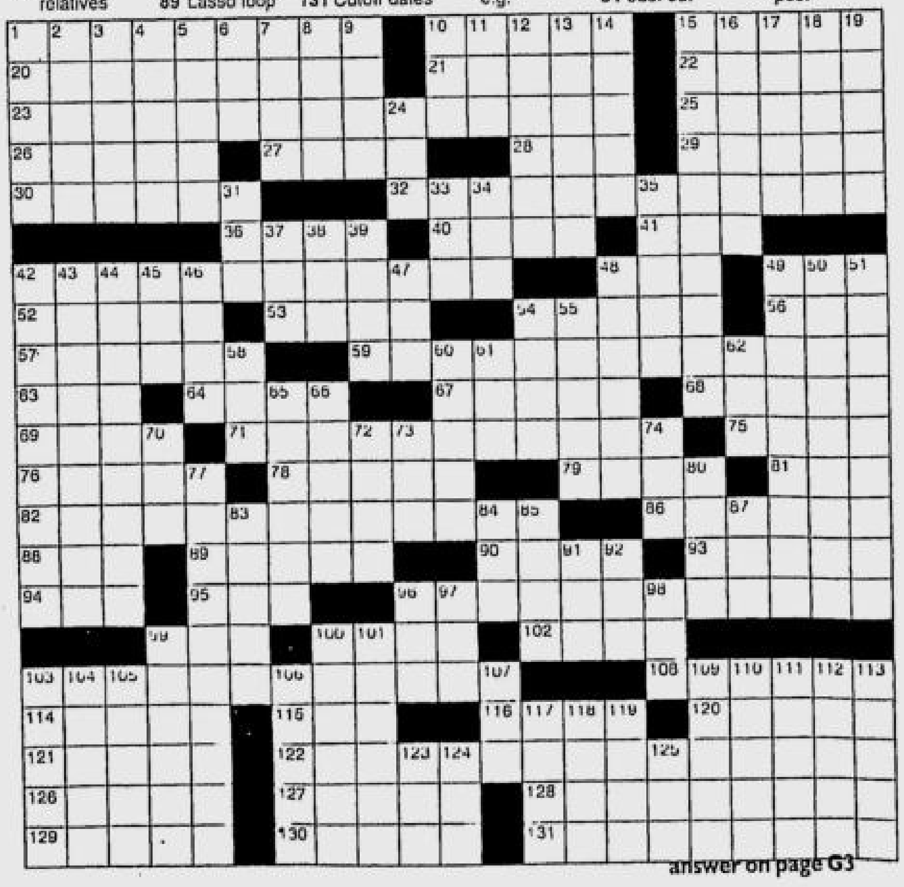

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Parenting congress on Oct. 2

THE LITTLE Gym, a fitness-based total development center for children, will be holding its 3rd Annual Parenting Congress titled "Building Connections With Your Child: The Parent's Role in a Child's Total Development" on Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Makati Shangri-La.

Guest speakers at the event are international experts Bonnie Harris, M.S. Ed. and Dr. Carl Gabbard, Ed D., who will share their wisdom on parenting and give insights on many child-rearing concerns and problems.

Harris will be tackling the topics "When Your Kids Push Your Buttons," "Getting to the Root" and "Understanding Connective Communication." Gabbard will share his knowledge on "Optimizing Early Brain and Motor Development Through Movement" and "Physical Fitness for Young Children."

Aside from parents, professionals who deal with children on a daily basis such as pediatricians, early childhood educators and physical education teachers may also benefit from their expertise.

Harris founded The Parent Guidance Center in Peterborough, New Hampshire, in 1990 and authored the book "When Your Kids Push Your Buttons" (Warner Books, 2003). She has appeared in several radio and television shows in the United States, including the popular "Today Show." She also teaches her "Buttons" workshop and speaks nationally, in addition to being the director of Core Parenting, a program dedicated to guiding parents into the discovery of why both they and their children behave and respond the way they do.

Gabbard is currently the director of Movement Development Studies at the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Texas A & M University, and is also a member of the Medical Science Faculty for the Graduate Program of Child Neurology in the State University of Campinas in Brazil. He was formerly president of the US National Association for Sport and Physical Education as well as the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Gabbard has published over 175 articles on motor development and physical activity for infants and children, and has authored the 4th edition of "Lifelong Motor Development" (2004).

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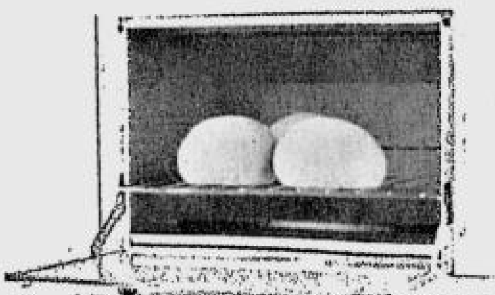

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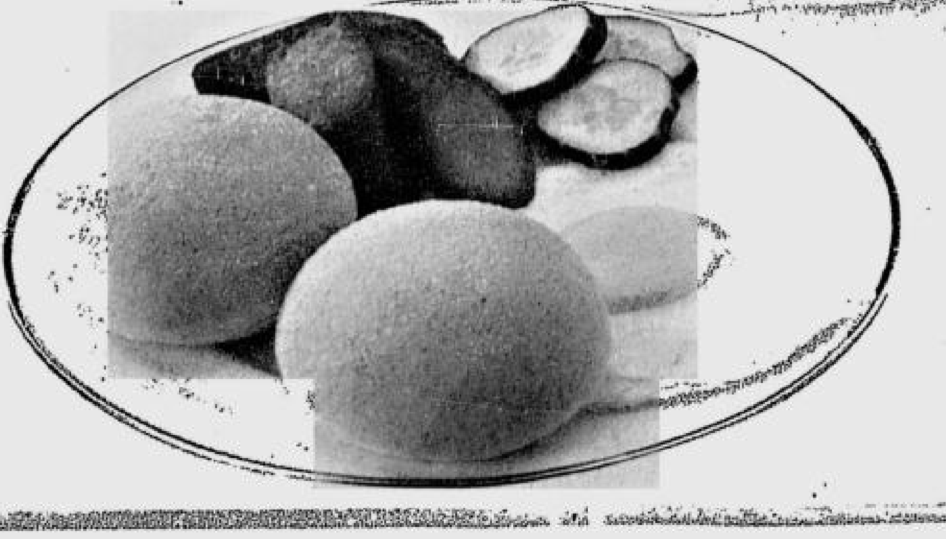

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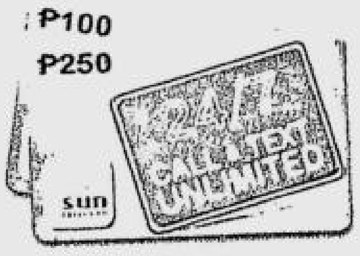

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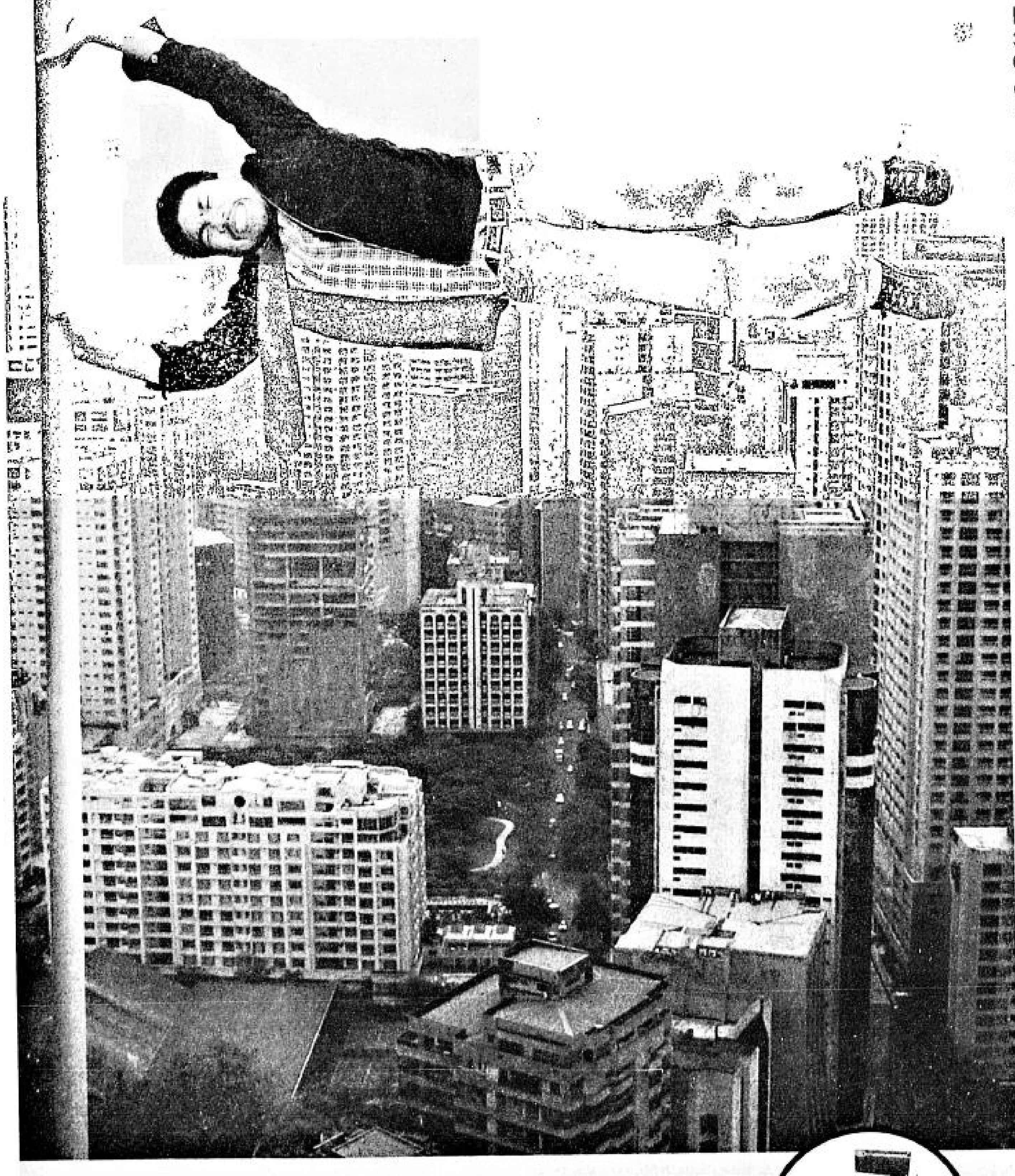

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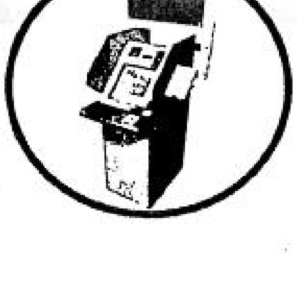

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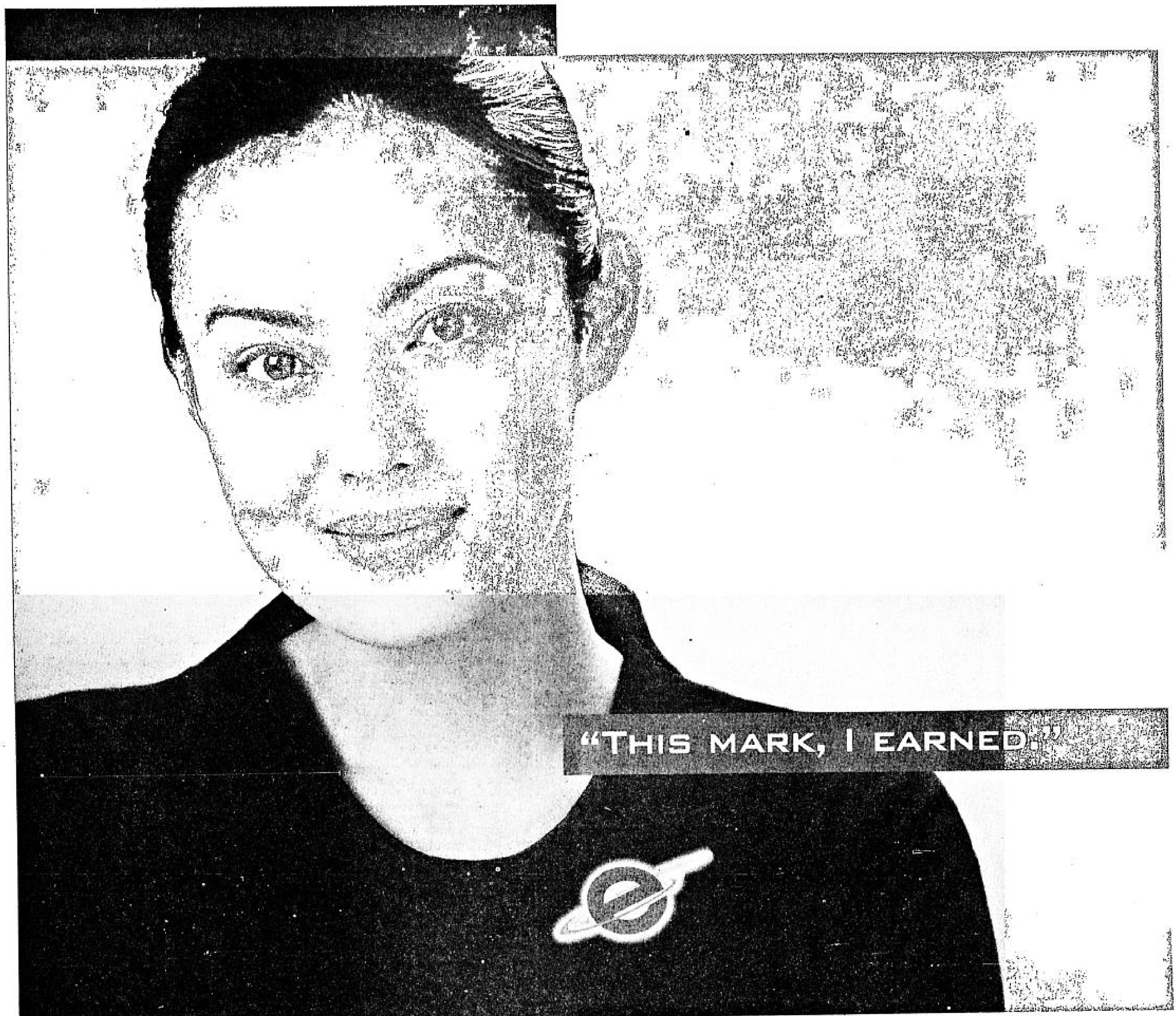
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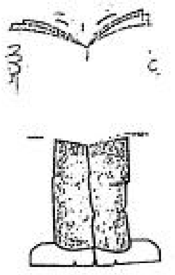

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- Graduate of a computer related course (Computer Science, Computer Eng'g., IT)
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- Proficient in the ff. technologies: MS FrontPage, Macromedia Dreamweaver, Flash, Fireworks, Director/Adobe Photoshop, ImageReady/HTML/XHTML Transitional JavaScript/DHTML, CSS, ASP/VBScript ColdFusion, CGI, PHP, PERL, MySQL
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Applicants for the **Events Organizer** look for **Ms. Lynden Valdez** or email lynden@edmark-intl.com

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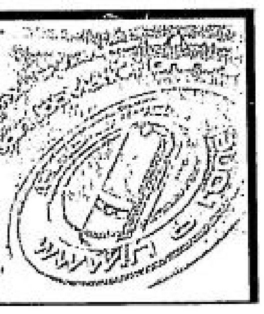

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Financial Reporting Compliance Supervisor

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Accounting Supervisor

- 21-28 years old
- Graduate of B.S. Accountancy
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- At least two (2) or three (3) years experience in the related field
- Good supervisory and interpersonal skills
- Above average analytical skills
- Computer literate

Security Services Inspector (Cebu and Manila)

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- Preferably with driver's license
- Computer literate

Quality Process Coordinator

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- Good communication skills and presentation skills

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Information Technology Staff (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao)

- 22-28 years old
- Graduate of four (4)-year course, preferably Computer Science, Computer Programming or Engineering
- At least one (1) year work experience in related field
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- With knowledge in PC hardware/ software troubleshooting & dial-up networking

Support Services Coordinator

- Preferably Female
- Graduate of any four (4) year college course
- With at least one (1)- two (2) years work experience in Advertising, Promotions or Business Development
- Has strong marketing and negotiation skills

Accounting Staff

- 21-28 years old
- Graduate of BS. Accountancy
- With or without work experience
- Hardworking and willing to work overtime

Administrative Assistant

- 21-28 years old, preferably female
- Graduate of any four (4)-year college course
- One (1) to two (2) years work experience as a Secretary or Administrative Assistant
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- Good communication skills
- Computer literate

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- 25-35 years old
- Graduate of any four (4)-year business course
- At least two (2) years experience in non-life insurance company or intermediary
- Computer literate
- Hardworking, patient and sales-oriented
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- With pleasing personality and of good moral character
- Computer literate
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Area Driver/Messenger

- At least college level or graduate of a vocational course
- Punctual, dependable and trustworthy
- Must be holder of a professional driver's license
- Has basic skills in vehicle troubleshooting
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MANPOWER PLANNING AND RECRUITMENT SECTION
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The Research Officer is responsible for undertaking comprehensive political and foreign policy research, liaison work with government agencies, private sector and civil society organizations and for providing support to the Political and Economic Section of the Embassy.

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

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Australian Embassy Manila
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- Strong communicator with the ability to develop and maintain relationships with media and other contacts
- The ability to develop a working understanding of broader embassy objectives and apply them in developing strong public affairs programs
- An aptitude for hands on involvement in the implementation of effective embassy events
- The ability to work as part of a team as well as work with minimal supervision
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in both English and Filipino
- Proficient with Microsoft applications; Knowledge of website management an advantage

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- With good written and verbal communication skills
- Proficient in MS Office applications

3 ACCOUNTING ASSISTANTS (For Caloocan Office)

- Graduate of Business Administration major in Accounting
- With one (1) to two (2) years experience in general accounting, or cost accounting
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- Computer literate

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Application

- Applicants must complete Application Documents.
- Application Documents are distributed at
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Selection Procedures

- The First Selection
  Submitted application forms will be examined by Japanese University Professors in Japan.
- SCS Interview
  Successful candidates of the 1st selection process should undergo SCS* Interview.
- * SCS: Special Committee on Scholarships
- The Second Selection
  - Applicants will sit for English proficiency test in early January 2005.
  - Applicants will be required to sit for basic mathematics test at this stage.
- The Third Selection
  - Applicants will undergo the Technical Interview by Japanese University Professors in early February 2005.
- The Fourth Selection
  - Applicants will undergo the Comprehensive Interview in late February 2005.
  - Applicants will be required to undergo a medical examination at a designated hospital before this stage.

Deadline for Application

No later than 17:00hrs on October 22, 2004
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For further information, please contact:

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Make a successful transition from college to career

By Randall S. Hansen, Ph.D. and Katharine Hansen

> "(The real world) is a big change, more than you can ever imagine when you are sitting in the classroom thinking about the outside world!"
> —Anonymous business-school grad

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FOR MANY SENIORS, the time leading up to college graduation and the start of a first job is often chaotic and stressful. You are trying to complete your college career without too much of a "senioritis" meltdown while dealing with the demands of job hunting, interviewing, and facing the reality of the end of schooling (at least for the foreseeable future).

In all our discussions with college seniors and recent college graduates, eight issues arise time and time again as the keys to making a successful transition from life as a student to life as a productive employee. Understanding these issues and being prepared for them before they occur should help you make a smoother transition.

Are you ready for a reality check? Here are the eight critical issues facing you in the near future.

1. **Time-related factors**. Some students are very adept at planning their college schedules so they have only afternoon classes or classes only on certain days of the week, and it's these students that have a hard time facing the reality of going to work every day, five days a week, from as early as six or seven in the morning to six or seven in the evening. And it's not like the 8 a.m. class that you often skipped when you hit the snooze button too many times on your alarm clock; show up late once too many times and you'll find yourself unemployed.

Another time-related harsh reality is free time and vacation time. In college, you get used to taking long weekends away from campus—on top of extremely long winter and summer breaks. Most colleges also have mid-semester breaks. Unfortunately, most employers are not that generous with time off. You may be lucky to get two weeks of vacation in your first job—but even with those two weeks, because you are one of the newest employees, you may not have much choice as to when you can take your vacation.

The final time factor is time management. You may have thought it was tough managing various group projects, tests and other activities while in college, but it will be even more of a struggle to manage your time once you are working—and your future with your employer depends on how well you can manage your time. "There is a huge difference in time management when you have to work 40+ hours and try to have a life on the side," a 2001 general-business grad told us. "I find myself scheduling dinner with people for weeks in advance. College didn't teach me working 40 hours. College didn't teach me a bedtime ... but those are all things you learn with necessity. I think if I had worked during my college career ... I would have learned that."

On the other hand, some students worked so hard in college that they actually find the working world—where homework is not necessarily required—a welcome relief. "I was very busy in college," said Anne Johnson, senior corporate relations coordinator for the US Chamber of Commerce, "so when I started working full-time, without homework and studying, I felt that I had a lot of free time. I tell people that I have had more fun since I graduated college than I did in all four years of college. I have gotten involved in many activities too," said Johnson, a 2002 economics grad from the University of Dallas.

Your college experience may even have helped you learn to manage your time. "While I was in school, I was used to managing a full-course load while participating in a variety of extracurricular activities," a recent grad told us, adding, "someone once told me that being busy is not an excuse for neglecting your personal life because everyone is busy. I have tried to follow this thought and it seems to work the majority of the time."

2. **Professionalism in the workplace**. Everyone knows that a certain amount of college is a rite of passage, a time to try different things, be a little crazy or irresponsible. In college, acting unprofessional might result in a bad grade or a lecture from an administrator or professor; in the workplace, acting unprofessionally can get you fired. "Getting the wrong answer means more than just a poor grade," affirmed a recent business-school graduate.

Professionalism also deals with dependability and being a self-starter. "There are some things that you just have to figure out or experience on your own. That's called personal accountability," a business-school grad told us. "A graduate will never have all the answers, and rightfully so. You should always have the zeal to seek out new knowledge and learn from your mistakes. That is what creates uniqueness and personal character."

To succeed, you must be seen as a member of the team that can be relied on to do your job. Deadlines are critical, much more so than in college. Whereas you might have been able to schmooze your professor into giving you an extension, you'll find in most faced-paced business environments, missing deadlines is unacceptable.

3. **A job or true calling?** While it helps to have a solid vision of what you want your career path to be after graduation, don't panic if your first job after graduation does not perfectly fit your plan. Many recent college grads change jobs after their first year out; sometimes it takes that long just to fully understand who you are and what you really want to do with your life. For others, this understanding might not come until even later in life.

Another misconception among college seniors and recent grads is that your major dictates the types of jobs you can work. While there are some specialized fields, such as engineering, where you need to have a degree in that field, the vast majority of jobs in business simply require a college degree. So, focus your job search not on the types of jobs you feel you must apply for, but on the types of jobs you aspire and desire.

Finally, all the statistics show that students graduating from college today will change careers—not just jobs—multiple times over the course of your working life . . so don't fret if that first job is not the perfect fit for you, but do start planning so you can make the transition to something better down the road. Keep track of your accomplishments and develop an awareness of the transferable skills you develop in your early jobs that you can apply to better jobs down the road.

4. **College has not prepared you for everything**. Believe us when we say that one of the most overwhelming issues we hear from recent grads is that college did not prepare them for many of the challenges they faced as they made that transition from college to career.

Many recent grads say they were totally unprepared for:

- The emphasis placed on teamwork skills
- The importance of dealing with all types of people and personalities
- Personal finance issues and budgeting
- Living on your own—or having to move back with your family
- Balancing work demands with family, friends and personal life
- Job-hunting skills, especially networking, interviewing, and salary negotiation

See comments on these topics and more in our Real World section. You can be better prepared for some of these issues by meeting with a career professional in your college's career services office. Quintessential Careers also offers numerous articles and other resources on many of these topics.

(To be continued next week)

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Working for love is HR exec's motivation

By JR Bustamante
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HR Focus

"YOU must have that passion or you won't stay long." Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) HR Senior Officer Raffy Sto. Domingo is a living testimony of the truth behind one's true motive for choosing a career.

"Long before I joined PBSP, I had decided that I wanted to work for a development-oriented organization. I tried working for a profit-oriented organization but I realized I wasn't happy. I was looking for that social relevance aspect. Prior to PBSP, I was in a government agency in charge of development, the Development Academy of the Philipppines. So I guess it's a conscious decision to pursue development-oriented organizations" Raffy further explains how she found her niche in the working world.

The foundation

PBSP is a private, non-profit foundation dedicated to promoting business sector commitment to social development. Organized in December 1970 by 50 of the country's prominent business leaders, PBSP has grown to become the nation's largest business-led social development foundation with more than 180 members. PBSP has provided over P4.8 billion in financial assistance, which has supported over 4,900 projects and benefited close to 2.8 million poor households.

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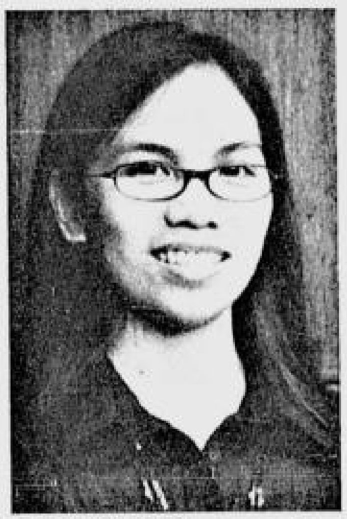

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Not a martyr

Sto. Domingo doesn't claim to be a martyr in deciding to work for a non-government organization. She narrates with humor that she gets a result of "low economic motivation" whenever she takes tests. "I never cared so much for fancy clothes, jewelry or other female frills. I even felt that it was a crime to buy expensive clothes and shoes." This no-nonsense lady is very honest about herself as she explains the real reason behind her choice of work just to dispel the "martyr" idea. "I'm interested in people but I never considered myself as the helping type or people-oriented during my childhood. My reasons for choosing a job was a selfish one, I wanted to know more about myself."

Her decision to choose a course in AB Psychology was triggered by the challenge of understanding people's motives and behavior. Based on observations while in college, where she was exposed to very rich and very poor people, she decided to work for a non-profit organization. " I finished Psychology in the University of the Philippines. Then, I went into research and training, the two main jobs that I want. I joined PBSP as HR officer back in 1998 because the job focused on training and development but since I am senior officer now, my responsibilities include other aspects of personnel like recruitment. After a year and a half, I decided to transfer to operations because I really wanted to work with the grass roots, the people that we are serving. Then I went back to the HR department more informed with a better perspective in making enlightened decisions with regards to HR issues."

PBSP role

Raffy characterizes the role of PBSP in the country as a modern day Robin Hood: " Our advocacy for the business sector is to do their part in helping in alleviating poverty in the country. We are primarily a business-led social development foundation, that's what makes this company unique. The company has two faces: one dealing with the business sector and the other one dealing with the grass roots. Our role is to try to link the two; how the business sector that has the money can help those who don't. I guess the major role we take is to try to manage and put together the resources of the business sector and develop integrated projects and programs for the poor."

Sto. Domingo exudes simplicity in her overall appearance but confidence and conviction in her words. She shares with us a lasting statement that should be a guide for career shifters: "When you have a higher goal like helping people, you tend not to focus too much on personal gains." And that is her secret in finding fulfillment in her career and her life.

'Lady with a future' advises reader haunted by past

From page 8

important "competency" in a particular position.

Not necessarily accepted

Can a negative BI feedback be overcome? Surely, it can—if the job applicant and the hiring manager can make a covenant about it. Are HR practitioners naïve to treat all BI results as Bible truth and swallow it hook, line, and sinker? No. In fact, some tend to confront the job applicant about a negative result and give him or her "a day in court" to erase the negative feedback. Others tend to look at who's talking.

You made a good point about the probationary period. It is a getting-to-know-each-other period for both the company and the new employee. I have seen how many "so-so" job applicants overcome negative perceptions during interviews or the BI process and succeed in their careers.

Whenever I join a new organization, I usually get a dose of negative feedback about the staff in my department. I try to start on a clean slate and give everybody equal opportunities to shine. I had seen how people with stigma have changed and succeeded when given the opportunity by their bosses.

Don't burn bridges

I believe in second chances and I practice it, too. But... here's the practical truth. It pays to have a clean slate with your bosses—and of course, with your peers and subordinates as well. Most bosses don't give negative feedback about a former employee, unless, the issue is serious. Most managers won't talk of former subordinates' poor performance. But, they will long remember one who is abrasive, quarrelsome, dishonest, and who cannot relate well with others. It pays to remember not to burn your bridges.

Perform well, be considerate of others, and don't be faulted for ill manners. Contribute to your bosses' success and you won't have trouble with the BI. Love your boss now—the next could be worse. I am not saying that you should be completely subservient to your bosses for fear of negative BI feedback. In fact, I praised the letter writer's assertiveness—not submissiveness.

Here's a thought for the week: Life is difficult enough as it is. It is more difficult if we have enemies and detractors. To succeed in life, gain as many allies and friends and minimize, if you can't "eliminate" enemies.

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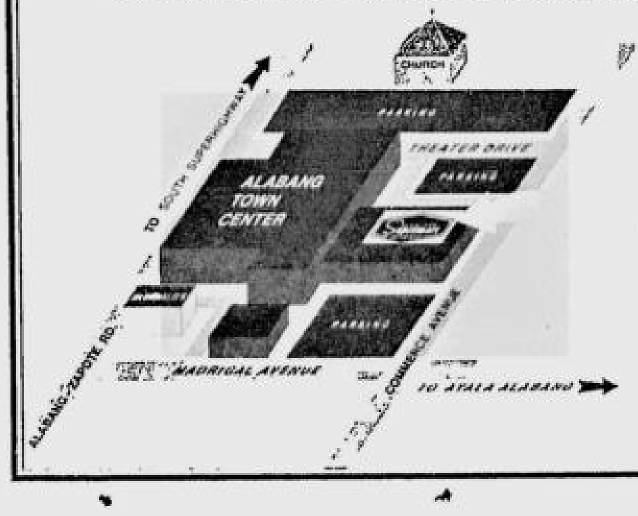

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ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

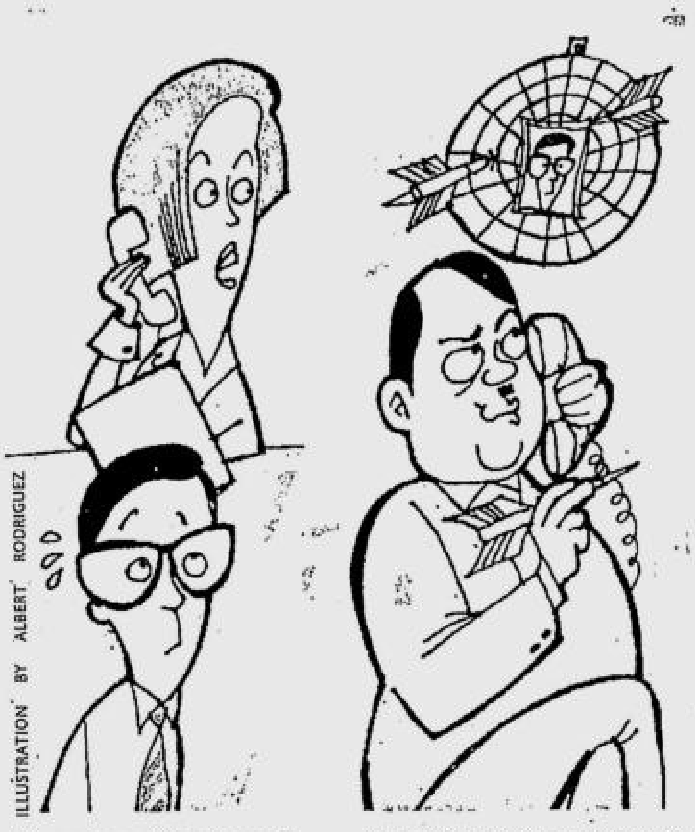
THERE were some responses to my previous column ("I'm being haunted by my past," Sept. 12) from our readers here and in other parts of the world. I am publishing here a well-written one from one who calls herself "A Lady With A Future" that is representative of the other responses followed by a short comment from me.

"I am currently working with one of the biggest beverage corporations in the country. I used to work in a relatively large company, where the bosses are not necessarily the owners of the company but mere employees with supervisory or managerial positions.

"I would like to give my unsolicited advice to all human resources people out there when making a background check on a job applicant: I strongly believe that when making a background check with former bosses, the HR personnel should also make a background check of the applicant's former bosses. Funny? No, I'm serious about this. Bosses are only humans. Some of them have a 'crab mentality' or simply want their subordinates to be ignorant or as 'ill-fated' as possible. Come on, let's be realistic about this. Former bosses are not saints or prophets, and therefore, HR personnel should not take all of their remarks as biblical passages.

"Most companies have a probationary period for all of their newly hired employees so that they may be able to see for themselves whether a potential employee will be suitable to their company's missions and values. I had great bosses in the past, but unfortunately, I also had my share of obnoxious bosses. If human resources people are to check the background of an applicant with the applicant's former bosses, I strongly recommend that they take the former bosses' remarks with some skepticism and think of the personal motives of the former bosses in giving those remarks. Otherwise, HR people should also check the background of the applicant's former bosses by getting remarks from their former or present subordinates or higher authorities of the applicant's former company.

"If the applicant has great potential, why not put him in a one to three-month probationary period and see if he or she fits. I hope you could publish my letter on your column at PDI, Job Market portion. I also want to hear your comment about my views on this matter. Thank you."



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Assertiveness is good

Dear Lady with a Future, your assertiveness can truly help ensure a better future for you. I agree to a large extent with your comments, with a few exceptions. In the first place, let us put the background information (BI) check in perspective. It is done to validate what the job applicant has said in his or her resumé and during the interviews. It is not the only basis for making hiring decisions. By and large, the results of a BI can be a helpful ingredient in ensuring good hiring decisions. Surely, it is not the only basis for hiring.

Can a BI result be disregarded? Perhaps, yes, though most of the time it holds and sways hiring decisions. Can it reverse a positive perception about a job applicant? Absolutely, it can, especially in cases where integrity is a very

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Internet at work

(People at Work Pulse survey results will be published in the Wednesday edition of People at Work starting next Wednesday, Sept. 29.)

PEOPLE AT WORK Pulse

PEOPLE at Work and the Ateneo Center for Organization Research and Development (Ateneo CORD) partner to listen to the heartbeats of working people through this People at Work Pulse. The results of the poll is published the following month. To quicken your response rates, Philippine Daily Inquirer and Ateneo CORD will be giving gift packages to two respondents to be drawn from those who replied for the month.

Winners from last month's survey are **Jose Cydel Daen** and **Cherrie Layante** (kindly contact Ateneo CORD to claim your prizes). Please be assured that your responses will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

1) Do you have Internet access in your workplace?
_____ a. Yes _____ b. No (please go directly to the box below)

2) How many hours a day do you use the Internet?
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3) What percentage of this is on non-work related activity? _____

4) Which of the following sites do you access while at work? (check all that applies)
_____ a. Shopping
_____ b. News
_____ c. Entertainment
_____ d. Personal e-mail accounts
_____ e. Sports
_____ f. Sites for downloading free software/music
_____ g. Chat rooms, message boards, Friendster, etc
_____ h. Adult material (sex-related sites)
_____ i. Gambling
_____ j. Others

5) Which of the following do you do during office hours? (check all that applies)
_____ a. Play Internet computer games
_____ b. Listen to radio/music via Internet
_____ c. Personal instant messaging
_____ d. Downloading movies/music/software
_____ e. Others

6) Does your company have a policy on computer use?
_____ a. Yes _____ b. No

7) Do you think employers have the right to monitor your use of the computer?
_____ a. Yes _____ b. No

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What do you say when you've been laid off or fired?

WORKING WOUNDED
Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I was laid off for the first time in my career. I'm starting to go out on interviews now but I fear that people won't want to touch me because I'm damaged goods. How can I minimize the damage?

Statistic

Sometimes things just don't last as long as we expect them to. Then again, sometimes they last a lot longer. At Britain's Martin & Newby Electric Shop recently, workers had a few moments of mourning. An ordinary 25-watt light bulb burned out. The bulb had burned for 70 years.

There are people out there like that light bulb: they stay lit in the same job for a lifetime. But with the current job tenure at 3.5 years and dropping (according to the Department of Labor) these lifers are growing more rare. These days most employers can appreciate that the road is bumpy. So turn off your shame and plan to show your experience and skills in the best possible light. The tips below will help. Also check out Richard Beatty's "Five Minute Interview" (Wiley, 2000).

Positive attitude

First: lose the embarrassment. I've been fired. So have most people. And anyone who hasn't been fired has probably been laid off. (Remember the early 90s?) So start with an attitude adjustment. Give up the idea that you're damaged goods and start thinking of yourself as normal.

Plan what to say about the layoff before the interview. I'm as spontaneous as anyone, but not in job interviews. I always go over the questions I think they might ask and rehearse possible responses with friends and colleagues.

Test a variety of responses to see which ones work best. And as you practice, keep these other rules in mind: Keep your answers short. Long may be good for high school essays, but shorter is better in job interviews. My rule of thumb: no answer takes more than three minutes. (Remember, they can always ask a follow-up question if they want more information). And when it comes to potentially negative information like a layoff, keep it even shorter.

Enthusiasm

Be upbeat about it. The last thing a company wants is someone who drips negativity about his last job. So even though you've got good reason to feel negative—forget it. Show the new company that you're over the old one and ready to hit the ground running. Complain—if you must—to friends, relatives, former coworkers—anyone except potential employers.

Show them what you've learned from the experience. The one way you can actually score points from a layoff is the one thing most people fail to do.

Tell them what you learned from the experience: not to take customer concerns for granted, for example; or to be a better observer of industry trends; or never to lose sight of the company's bottom line.

Follow these tips and a light bulb will go off over prospective employers heads. They'll realize that it's a bright idea to hire you.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com /ABC news.com online ballot: How do you feel about having been laid off?

—Shame, 18.5 percent

—My former company is lame, 32 percent

—Like it's part of the game, 49.4 percent

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Where work leads you

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THE RICH man in today's Gospel—"suffering torment in the flames in the netherworld"—reminds me of a drug abuser I interviewed decades ago. His father being rich, he was sure he didn't need to work. Under the influence of downers one day, he told me that he, barely 22 years old, was resigned to his fate of being addicted for the rest of his life because—hear this—he hoped to get a better deal "in the next life." With a dazed smile he said "*Wala akong suwerte sa buhay na ito; siguro sa susunod, meron na.*" And he wasn't talking heaven or hell but reincarnation. I saw his point of view but deemed it futile to challenge it. I just thought, "My, what a waste ..." because he was otherwise bright and good-looking though he hung around gays.

That was one instance I realized that people who work are fortunate and have a lot to be grateful for. If you don't want to work, you give the devil more time to work on you.

Work is vital because it gives you a chance to make something of yourself, to employ all your skills and talents in doing something useful for your family and society. And if you are prudent about the good things in life that work brings you—you need not fear tormenting flames after you die, nor wait for eternity to get your reward. Honest labor done with the intention of giving rather than taking gives you fulfillment, happiness, and peace of mind; but work done in order to put one over your neighbor robs you of contentment, dulls your conscience and eventually kills all your chances for happiness. In short—through work, you create your own heaven or hell right here on earth. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

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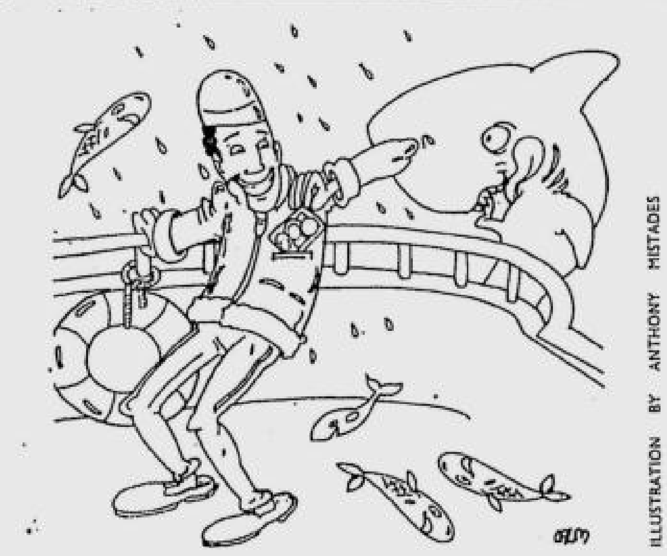

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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Abraham replied, "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented."

Seafarer's woes

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

THE "MODERN HEROES"—the overseas Filipino workers—recognized by Philippine society include the more than 300,000 Filipino seafarers, who serve in various shipping companies around the world. As we honor the *marinong Filipino* in today's celebration of the National Seafarers' Day, we also recognize the many difficulties, pain, and hardships these courageous seafarers endure while working at sea. The pangs of loneliness are part of the "bad times" they go through as they make their living away from their loved ones. Even the fleeting moments of "good times" they enjoy at some intervals in their work, would give them some unsettling feelings in their consciences.

What consoles the seafarers would be the thought that their families are enjoying the benefits of the pain and suffering they bear. Yet such consolation does not last long and would even become desolation when some seafarers' families suffer some moral or psychological damages. The young and growing family members are usually those badly affected in their personality growth by the absence of a father or someone significant in the family. These are some of the woes which seafarers have to put up with and which they would certainly wish to be comforted about.

Believing in Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel that a loving and merciful Father in heaven will reward with "good times" what we suffer for God's sake in our work and life, gives the seafarer and any worker for that matter, everlasting hope and comfort—like the peace and quiet felt after a storm. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE
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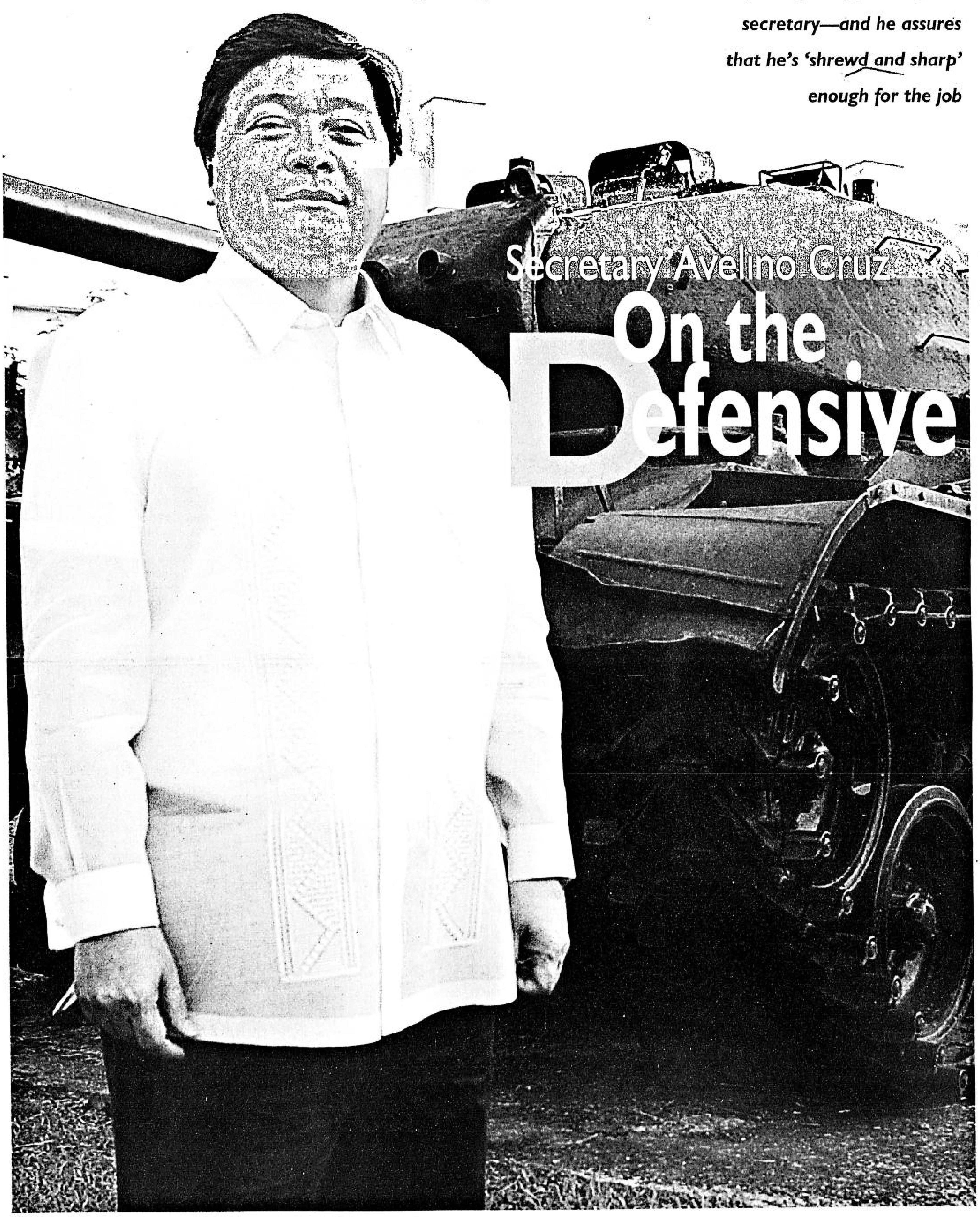
Amidst grumblings that he bagged the post as a reward for serving GMA, this lawyer to presidents becomes only the third civilian to hold the post of Philippine defense secretary—and he assures that he's 'shrewd and sharp' enough for the job



Secretary Avelino Cruz

On the Defensive

By Fe B. Zamora
Photograph by Rudy Esperas

THERE is no truth to the rumor that President Macapagal-Arroyo rewarded lawyer Avelino "Nonong" Cruz with the National Defense portfolio for defending her from charges that she lied about her $5.2 million worth of real estate in San Francisco, California in 1998.

Neither is there truth to the rumor that the President chose Cruz for the controversial posting for his bravery in shielding her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, from Sen. Panfilo Lacson's vicious allegations that he had squirreled millions in campaign funds in secret bank accounts under the name Jose Pidal.

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Cruz, 51, stoutly maintains that he got the job for a very simple reason: "I'm not naive. I'm shrewd and I'm sharp," he says. "If you give me a problem and there is a solution, I can find it. That is my background."

A *cum laude* graduate and salutatorian from the University of the Philippines College of Law, Cruz was a founding partner in 1980 of the Villaraza, Carpio and Cruz law firm, when he met would-be senator Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He's vague about their first encounter. "Somebody recommended me to her, or somebody recommended our firm to her, " is all he would say. What is clear is that Cruz's law office was at the LTA Building in Makati. The building is named after its owner Lourdes Tuason Arroyo, who just happens to be GMA's mother-in-law.

Already a multimillionaire

Born in San Marcelino, Zambales on April 26, 1953, Cruz is a godson of the late President Ramon Magsaysay, a distant blood relative. Before proceeding to Law at UP, Cruz finished BS Math at the Ateneo de Manila. He is married with two daughters, and is adamant about keeping his family out of the spotlight.

Today, Cruz has a net worth of P71 million, amassed, he says, from lawyering and other investments. When he left the private sector to join Malacañang in January 2001, Cruz was already a multimillionaire. That has not stopped people from talking about his personal connections to the Arroyos that, some quarters allege, he has parlayed into juicy contracts and positions.

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Putting everything behind him: Cruz, shown here as presidential legal counsel in 2001, says his previous ties with the Arroyos have nothing to do with his appointment

There is the matter of sharing with the First Gentleman the same building on Perea St., with Arroyo's office at the 8th floor of LTA, and Cruz's law firm holding fort in several floors. Such a cozy arrangement, malicious tongues clucked disapprovingly. It didn't help any that The Firm—as Cruz's law firm came to be known in political circles—became, for some reason, a magnet for prominent clients, among them Fidel V. Ramos, who would be elected president in 1992.

When GMA was then eyeing the vice presidency, Cruz and partner Arthur Villaraza enlisted among her campaigners. "I was active," Cruz says of his ties to the Arroyos. Beyond campaigning for GMA, Cruz proved to be invaluable when detractors raised a ruckus over the Arroyos' "secret" property in the US. The lawyer presented before the Senate ethics committee the trusteeship papers that identified GMA's brother-in-law Ignacio Arroyo as the real owner of two buildings in San Francisco that she and her husband bought soon after the 1992 elections. "I was her counsel, and it was very clear in the document that the properties were held in trust for Iggy," Cruz explains.

He adds that the First Couple "paid the taxes (in the US for the rental of the buildings) because on record they own the property but held it in trust for Iggy." The Arroyos, he says, did not declare the property in their 1993 Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SAL) filed in the Philippines because "they did not own it." A similar drama would play out in 2002, when Iggy Arroyo identified himself as the owner of the mysterious Jose Pidal bank accounts that Senator Lacson said had belonged to the First Couple. Cruz, who was by then the Chief Presidential Legal Counsel (CPLC), made no public defense of the presidential brother-in-law, but insiders allege that it was he who thought up the official line.

Move to Malacañang

When GMA became President in January 2001, Cruz was pulled out from his Perea office and moved to Malacañang, and soon after, The Firm (now known as Villaraza and Angangco Law Firm) followed suit. But Cruz pooh-poohs suggestions that The Firm—"the law firm for Presidents"—has become a Malacañang annex. He says, "We were just lucky, that's life. You cannot plan these things."

He blames detractors for making his former law office "a flavor of the month" for speculations and gossip, and laughs off observations that The Firm has been such for two administrations now and not just "of the month."

President Macapagal-Arroyo's decision to name him defense secretary came as a surprise, he claims. "I can anticipate the mind of the President to a certain extent. This assignment was something that I failed to predict," he says. "I think that she appointed me because she wants a civilian and I have her general confidence in getting a job done," adds Cruz.

A private in the Reserve Officers' Training Course (ROTC), the lawyer says he gained insights into the military as the CPLC, and as a member of the National Security Council and of the Cabinet Oversight Committee on Internal Security from January 2001 to January 2004. He quit these positions to manage President Arroyo's campaign from February to May this year. On August 18, he was named defense secretary.

Good timing

Cruz also credits the appointment to good timing. Last year, the Feliciano Commission made the recommendation that the ideal defense secretary must be a civilian, after conducting a fact-finding inquiry into the root causes of military adventurism, particularly the July 27, 2003 takeover of Oakwood by a group of junior officers. Cruz, in fact, would only be the third civilian to head the Defense department after Juan Ponce Enrile, another lawyer, who held the post from 1970 to 1986, and Orly Mercado, who served from 1998 to 2001.

Incidentally, President Marcos was ousted during Enrile's time, while President Estrada was deposed during Mercado's tenure.

Cruz says that as a "problem solver," he follows certain steps. First, identify the problem. Second, find the solution—scientific solution, if possible. So far, he has identified "big" and "small" problems which, he says, could be grouped under modernization, the peace process, enhancing capability in counter-terrorism and the implementation of the Feliciano Report. The modernization program, he adds, should be able to take off now because the President has released P10 billion to fund these. But Cruz is again vague on where the money was sourced, especially in this time of financial crisis. "It's the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) that put it there" is all that he will say.

Eliminating corruption

Cruz says the procurement system would be streamlined to eliminate corruption. "The solution is to bid out as many contracts as possible," he says. A strict implementation of Executive Order 109, he adds, would eventually banish conversion, or the practice of preparing documents ostensibly to buy thousands of reams of paper and paper clips and other officer supplies, when the cash is actually used to finance the birthday party of the unit's commanding officer. "If they need paper clips, or computers, they can get it from the DBM. It's the DBM that will do the procurement," he says. And it would be the same with boots, uniforms, ponchos, and other supplies for the troops in the field.

Asked about the recurring virus of military adventurism, he says, "I don't think it will happen again. I think the soldiers are beginning to realize that this government is trying to do its best to address their concerns."

In a few weeks, Cruz says he hopes to be able to establish an effective feedback mechanism to plumb the grievances from the field. "We may conduct a scientific survey. There are management tools that can be used." He had also visited the troops in the field, making his presence felt.

In the meantime, there is always the "very efficient, very good" Gen. Narcisco Abaya, the Armed Forces chief of staff, to advise the defense secretary on the nitty-gritty of life among the 112,000-man strong Army, Air Force and Navy. "I do understand the military and it's a big help that General Abaya is there. *Pareho kaming mag-isip. Pareho kaming tumingin ng problema. Pareho kami ng solusyon kaya pareho kaming mabilis,*" (We think alike. We share the same viewpoint and solutions so we can both act fast)," he says.

At ease, now, Private Cruz. Q

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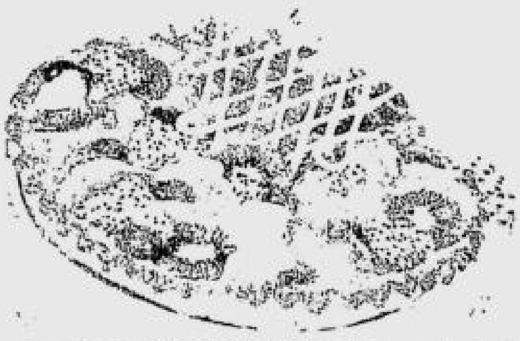

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Poetry

Hard Lessons

Birthday Poem for Jerry Araos

Hold me up to the light;
you will see poems.
Hold me in the dark;
you will see light.
—Erica Jong, "We Learned"

it has taken years
the aid of medicine men
the chemicals of bliss & evenness
before i could learn
to even like the light
to welcome daybreak
& the softness it casts
on a leaf
on a spider's web
or on tufts on a baby's head

sometimes i burst out
of that self-made, suffocating trap
when you dangle that most irresistible
of invitations to a dance
that zestfully embraces
all that is worthy
of celebration & our combined contempt

i sense you unconsciously pushing back
the edges of my ever-encroaching darkness
look at you now!
your own brilliant madness transmuted
into the palpable curves of grace-filled torsos
into the sturdiness of tables from which
we sup & grind ideas & feelings, even those of pain,
down to their wispiest essences
for us to imbibe
for strength to dream on
& to welcome the fecund darkness
that instructs us once more.

Babeth Lolarga

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May Lungkot ang Ulan

Sa tuwing umuulan,
bumabalong ang lungkot sa bawat sulok nitong bahay,
nagsasalikop ang mga damdaming kay-hirap bansagan,
pumapalit ang lamig sa kalamnan at balikat.

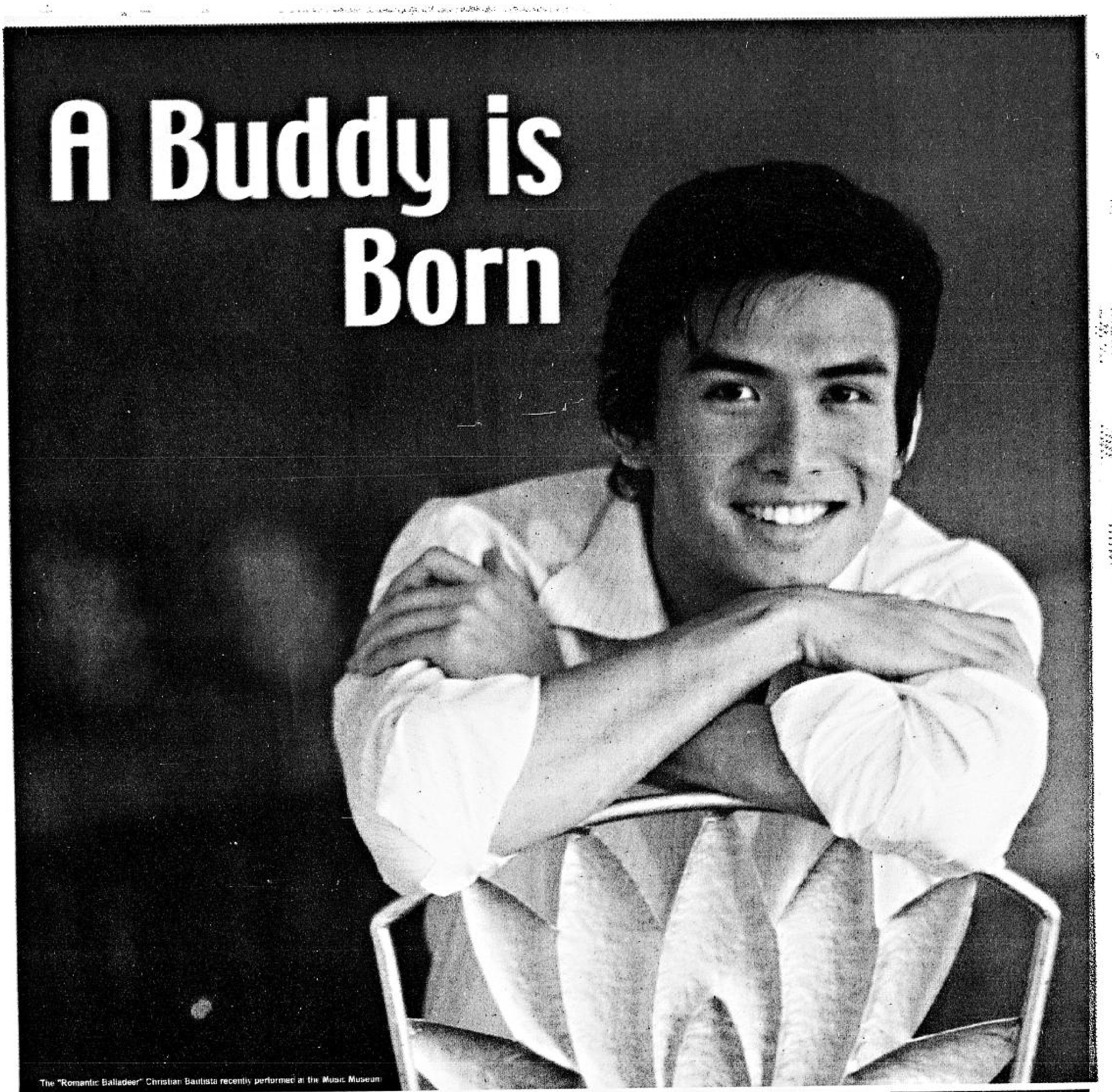
Nadarama ko ang bawat pagkabasag ng moog sa bubungan,
ang paglagaslas ng tubig patungo sa natutuklap na alulod;
isa itong nakakubling unos na aking kakaharapin
sa mga darating pang mga araw.

Aking tinungo ang nakabukas na bintana,
isinara itong lapat na lapat
at saka inilugay ang kaninang nakabuhol na kurtina.
Binisita ang kisameng maaaring paglagusan ng tulo,
inihanda ang mga timba at tabo.

Tiyak na nagtatampisaw ang mga bata sa labasan
na matagal na nag-abang sa tubig-ulan,
tulad ng ika'y mamaalam
habang walang tigil ang malakas na buhos
ng ulan.

Genaro R. Gojo Cruz

A Buddy is Born



The "Romantic Balladeer" Christian Bautista recently performed at the Music Museum

Your Buddy, Christian Bautista

All eyes focused on the handsome young man on the stage. With the calmness of a veteran, you would never have thought that this finalist for the "Star in a Million" search has been at this concert thing for just a short time. Yet there he was, singing songs from his first album, and the audience (particularly the girls) couldn't get enough of him.

That was the scene at the Music Museum last September 11 as Christian Bautista staged a repeat performance of his "The Way You Look at Me" concert. The 22-year old graduate of the University of the Philippines has indeed come a long way from his first auditions for the talent search known as "Star in a Million". With a voice that can be described as smooth yet powerful, commanding yet soulful, Christian is well on his way to becoming a balladeer of the highest order.

Christian was recently featured as the main endorser of the SMART Buddy and Greenwich ka-Buddy Tr3ats. Buy a SMART Buddy Super SIM 3 at Greenwich and get a free meal plus downloads too! Ka-Buddy Tr3at A features a Solo Greenwich Special pizza, a regular softdrink, and downloads. For the ka-Buddy Tr3at B, a lasagna supreme, regular softdrink and free downloads are yours for the taking once you buy the SMART Buddy Super SIM 3. Finally, a one piece crispy fried chicken, regular softdrink, and downloads are featured for ka-Buddy Tr3at C. The SMART Buddy Super SIM 3 is available for only P150, and these treats await you if you purchase the SIM at selected participating Greenwich stores!

The good news is that SMART Buddy and Greenwich are extending the ka-Buddy Tr3ats to October 31, 2004! Even as you enjoy the different delicacies from Greenwich, you'll also enjoy the versatility and affordability of the SMART Buddy Super SIM 3. You'll be able to connect with your loved ones wherever you may be thanks to the SMART Buddy Super SIM 3's nationwidest coverage. Amazing innovations like PasaLoad and SMART Buddy Load are all available through the SMART Buddy Super SIM 3!'

After scoring hits with "The Way You Look at Me" and the remake of Breathe's "Hands to Heaven", Christian Bautista clearly has a bright future in the music industry. He charmed his way into the hearts of the crowd at Music Museum through both his singing ability and his natural audience rapport. And like Christian, the SMART Buddy and Greenwich ka-Buddy Tr3ats have something in common: this is only the beginning.

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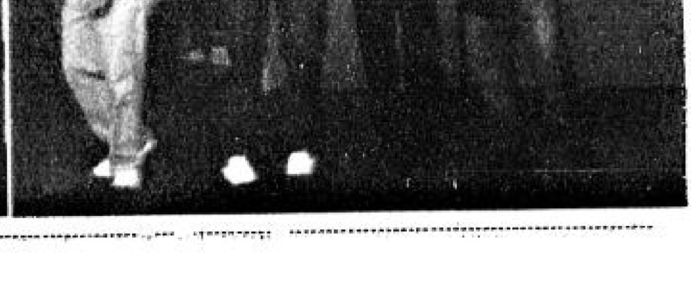

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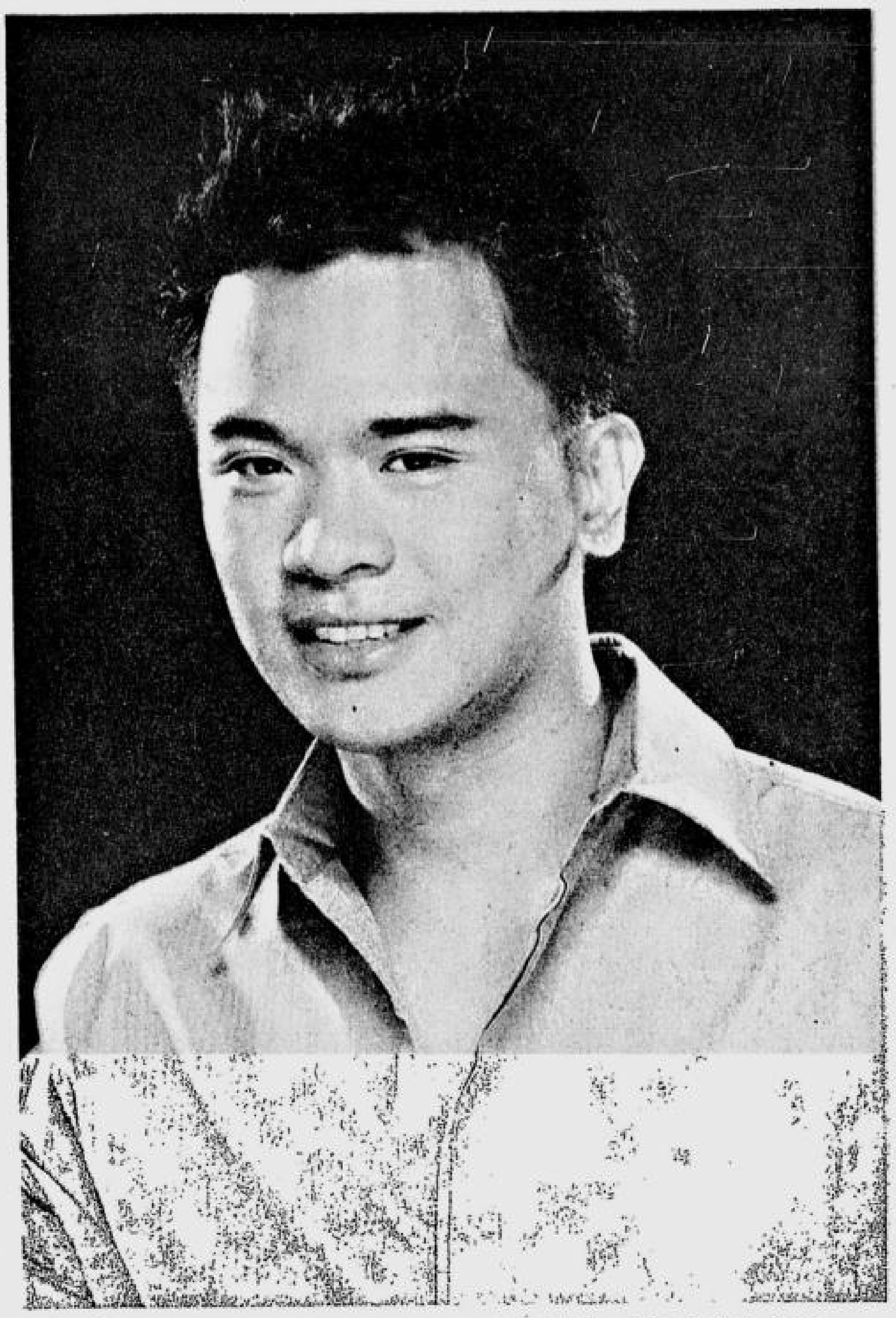
Seen on TV

By Gibbs Cadiz

Out of the Closet and Into A New Life

For 25 years, TV reporter JM Cobarrubias kept his secret, fearing rejection. But coming out on national TV proved to be the happiest moment of his life



THE NIGHT JM Cobarrubias proclaimed to the whole world that he was gay via "Out!," GMA-7's new gay-oriented lifestyle show, his cellphone was clogged with so many text messages he had to press "Delete" every time a new message came in.

"Almost everyone in my phone book texted their congratulations," he recounts. "It was definitely the happiest day of my life."

His happiness was in sharp contrast to the obvious struggle he went through on-cam as he told his younger sister Dimples, tears streaming down his face, that he was "*binabae*" ("wrong choice of word," he now acknowledges) and that he was telling her now, after 25 long years of silence and denial, because he wanted her to be part of his new life as a professed gay man.

The sizable party crowd in Malate who watched the show on two giant screens set up on Orosa St. broke into wolf whistles and applause and gave Cobarrubias endless high-fives. He was now officially one of them—with one difference: He came out on nationwide TV. *Bongga!*

Ellen Degeneres moment

Before this, Cobarrubias was known to many only as a young reporter for "The Probe Team," Cheche Lazaro's award-winning magazine show that has moved to Channel 5 after many years with GMA-7.

"It was a matter of timing," says Cobarrubias of his Ellen Degeneres moment. "I was at that stage where I wanted to do something new. At 25, I felt I was missing out on being gay by hiding myself. I was ready for it and honestly wanted to be an example to others."

When he learned that a hosting slot for "Out!" was open after one of the original three hosts (Jigs Mayuga and Avi Siwa are the other two) backed out at the last minute, Cobarrubias took a deep breath, marched into the audition studio and did a spiel.

"Are you out?" he was asked.

"Not until today," he said, to delighted laughter from the show's staff. He was hired pronto.

Cobarrubias says if his family had reacted negatively to the show, he would have let them be and just gone on with his life. Fortunately, his parents, now separated and both working abroad, were proud and supportive.

From his father, Jesus Manuel Sr., who works as head chef of a hotel in the Seychelles Islands, Cobarrubias got this text message: "Watever it is, watever u r, ur my *anak* n i support u all d way. f ur hapi im hapi, ok? dont wori, *anak, lav kita*."

His mom May's reaction was even more pointed. "She told me to tape all the episodes of the show and send them to her," says Cobarrubias, laughing.

"A very close straight friend also told me, '*Okay lang yan, pare, mas okay na magpakatotoo tayo.*' (It's better for us to be true to ourselves.)"

The uniformly positive reactions totally surprised Cobarrubias, who was expecting recriminations to fly. "I now realize how good it feels to be true to yourself," he says. "People will love you more if you're honest with them."

A long-closed door opens

It wasn't always this sunny. Cobarrubias was 18 when he first called himself "*bakla* (gay)." His best buddy had come to him one day, distraught and near-tears. He had a problem, the friend told him. While he was attracted to girls (he had a girlfriend that time), he was also, if not more so, attracted to guys. Could he be gay?

Cobarrubias felt as if a long-closed door had finally opened to him. "You know what? I feel the same way," he told his friend.

It was an admission long in coming. But while it was a welcome step out of the closet, it wasn't enough to erase the accumulated baggage that Cobarrubias had hoarded from years of guilt, denial and self-hatred over his sexuality.

"I grew up with the notion that being gay was a bad thing," he says. "Even when we were kids, when my siblings and I quarrel and they'd throw at me the words, *'Eh, ikaw, bakla,'* I'd get hurt and keep quiet. Maybe that's why I never told them."

So while he eventually opened up to close friends about his orientation, Cobarrubias was consistently tight-lipped when it came to his family and workmates. He never let on, even more so when he became a regular face on TV as a "Probe" reporter.

"I wanted to protect my reputation," he says. "I couldn't go to places like Malate, nor answer the e-mail of my male fans lest I betray myself. I was so conscious of my mannerisms in front of the camera that even without pressure from the show itself, I would edit myself."

In short, he says, "I was discriminating against myself, at the expense of my social and emotional life."

Quintessential good boy

Self-sufficiency and discipline have always been the hallmarks of Cobarrubias' life. Born in Calamba, Laguna, he and his siblings—Dimples and older brother Kriz ("he's the quiet type, but an uncle told me he was so proud of me")—grew up with their mother after the family broke apart.

Cobarrubias was a working student for much of his college life, with stints at Jollibee and ACA Video. He was chronically underloaded, and had to extend his stay at UP Los Baños where he took up his BS Development Communications degree.

But he was the quintessential good boy: well-mannered, bright, hardworking, always with a medal or a citation to bring home to a beaming mom.

"It was in high school that I really bloomed," he recalls. "I was student council president in my senior year, school paper editor, CAT officer and choir leader." He did so well in school that his mother told him in jest that she was tired of going onstage to pin medals on him.

After college, Cobarrubias worked for seven months in a call center in Laguna, before he got hired by Probe Productions as a production assistant. In time, he would host the show's "Lonely Pinoy" series of travel sketches.

His Pinoy boy-next-door looks invariably invited queries of a girlfriend, but Cobarrubias was quick to deflect them by saying he was busy. His sister, though, was different. Whenever asked whether his brother was attached, Dimples said yes—"even if there's nobody," says Cobarrubias. "I think she knew even then and was just protecting me."

Beyond stereotypes

His exclusive contract with GMA-7 meant that Cobarrubias had to leave Probe. But he's raring to move on and be more active in his new show.

"I'd like to produce stories for 'Out!' that would show the other side of gay men and women, not just the stereotypes," he says.

And now that he's in the open, the prospects of romance seem much more plausible—something he was never able to enjoy during his closeted years.

"I'm really happy that I have more friends now, and can really socialize. I've never had a lover, just a few dates. Dating is still at the bottom of my priorities," he says. "But I'm not in a rush and now at least, I can be friendly to people."

Cobarrubias says he is never a party guy, and would much rather spend an evening at home, arranging and re-arranging his CD collection. ("I'm obsessive-compulsive. Sometimes I alphabetize my Mariah Carey CDs, other times, I arrange them from her first album to the last.")

But that night he came out on national TV, he partied with newfound friends in Malate until 5 a.m. The first day of his new life deserved no less.

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CURIOSITY often gets the better of people when they see the name Dimaporo across the back of a green De La Salle basketball jersey. The answer to the unasked question is yes, the rookie point guard is a member of one of the most powerful political clans in Mindanao.

And yes, she's one of the few Muslim girls in organized sports, but no, she doesn't wear a *kumbong* (a Muslim veil) when she steps on court to play for De La Salle, a Catholic university.

Interesting contradictions surround 18-year-old Sittie Aminah Q. Dimaporo. But the youngest daughter of Lanao del Norte Rep. Abdullah "Bobby" Dimaporo and Gov. Imelda "Angging" Quibranza-Dimaporo isn't a bit flustered.

"I'm wearing a sleeveless shirt and shorts and that's really against our religion," says the bubbly Dimaporo. "But my parents are okay with it. My dad is actually supportive of me, but he wants us (his children) to become stricter Muslims. He wants us to learn more about our religion and culture. But it's not like I'm doing anything bad. He told me he's proud of where I am and what I'm doing."

Indeed, any parent would be flush with pride. While everyone in their clan is delivering political speeches, here's a nifty Dimaporo dishing out assists and racking up points on the scoreboard.

Always Athletic

"I've always been athletic and I actually like all sports," says the 5'2" playmaker, who can also unleash a mean soccer kick and a good volleyball dig. But it's in basketball where Dimaporo excels. Despite her diminutive size, she was a high school basketball All-Star from Grades 9 to 12 at Brent International School. "My sister got me into basketball because I used to tag along with her when I was in Grade 3. Basically she influenced me, so I started playing and it was fun," says Dimaporo, who holds a career high of 31 points at Brent.

The Sports Management freshman also had an impressive debut in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) where she finished with a personal season-high of 13 points. But Dimaporo is frank enough to admit that her performance for the Lady Archers has been dipping. "I'm having fun, but it's also really tough. I'm having trouble getting back," she points out. "In the first round, I was happy with my playing time. But my game went bad so I played less and less. I get too emotional and I commit errors and stuff. So now I'm back at the bottom and I have to work hard."

New role

It's a transition, though, that most freshman players understand. She may be spending more time now on the sidelines, but it's a new role that still makes her nervous. "I'm okay at the bench but when my coach calls me, my heart starts racing again," she says.

If there's one thing though that made Dimaporo glad of her UAAP stint, it's the fact that her parents are finally seeing her in action. "They are very supportive now. In high school, they never had the time to watch my games. But now that it's the UAAP, it's kind of important and they try to find time. They're going to almost all my games. And even my mom is cheering. She's getting into it," she laughs.

But seeing her politician parents often reminds people that she's no ordinary athlete. She gets a good dose of ribbing, but Dimaporo maintains that she's as normal as any college girl. "My teammates sometimes make fun of me because my parents, since they're in Congress, can go to areas on court where some parents aren't allowed. And they say it's because you're a Dimaporo. It gets annoying sometimes. But it doesn't mean that just because you're a Dimaporo you can do anything," she states.

No princess

The stocky cagebelle has taken such comments in stride. Besides, it has been a long-running joke among her friends. "Some people think I'm a princess, but I'm not a princess," she grins. "My high school friends also make fun of it, but it's okay because we're really close. They're like, 'Let's go to Mindanao and let's see Aminah's bodyguards and Aminah's palace!' But of course, they know it's not true."

It's a perception, though, that she hasn't always been aware of. "Being a Dimaporo wasn't such a big deal. I was already in Grade 8, in middle school, when it hit me. And I even had my sisters telling me how powerful our family is," she says.

Born on Aug. 27, 1986, Dimaporo grew up in Manila but still finds time to visit Mindanao during school breaks. "I was raised in Brent my whole life. It's a Christian school so I really didn't get to learn the Muslim ways, unlike my cousins who grew up in Marawi," she admits.

It's an upbringing she feels some relatives might frown upon, but Dimaporo counters that neither is she a misguided Allah believer. "I do Ramadan. I don't eat pork and I pray when I can. I may not wear a *kumbong*, but I have one that I wear when we go to Marawi," she says. She may not be a truly devout practitioner, but Dimaporo adds, "When I go out, I don't drink because it's against our religion. I also don't have a boyfriend because, in our religion, it's like you either have a husband, but no boys. I can't do anything about it. But I'm happy with everything now."

Away from politics

But just like the constant questions on her religion, politics is another topic she rarely escapes. "As much as possible, I try to stay away from politics. But I also campaign for my parents when I can. I make speeches, shake people's hands, give them rice and stuff. But it's still sports for me," she shares.

Sadly, though, Dimaporo knows that a career playing basketball isn't realistic. So is she certain that she won't tread the political path? "I know I can't always play basketball but I can continue doing things for sports. My parents have been trying to promote Mindanao because everybody is scared to go there, and through sports, maybe I can help them out. Like I can help put up a sports complex in Mindanao or have tournaments," she says.

But the idea, says Dimaporo, might already be the most politically-related agenda she has for the future. "I think politics is too messy and I've never been good in leading anyway. Even in school, I don't like running for class president or any other position," she points out.

And maybe she's right, because right now, it's on court where this Dimaporo leads best. Q

Zuniega: Sharing music with kindred spirits

FILIPINOS are an innately musical people. Wherever they are, the love for singing and for listening to music marks them as kindred spirits. This I learned first hand when I joined a year-long outreach program that conducted workshop seminars in piano and music teaching all over the country. Along with Sr. Placid Abejo, Fr. Manuel Maramba and Prof. Mauricia Borromeo, we toured Cagayan de Oro, Tacloban, Ormoc, Bacolod, Tuguegarao, Batangas, Legaspi and Tagbilaran to bring music to the countryside.

From September 2002 to 2003, we set up impromptu music classrooms in school gymnasiums, churches and hotels, instantly transforming these venues into lecture and concert halls. And everywhere we went, we met with warm hospitality especially from the Benedictine nuns and other religious orders.

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In Ormoc City, the heavy downpour and strong winds were no match for the determination of the guests and participants who had to ferry in from Biliran Island to attend our workshops and mini concerts. Some of the participants were fortunate enough to have their expenses underwritten by their local government officials (and may God give us more of them!), including those from Bohol and Batangas, where an Education department administrator turned up with a few hundred music teachers under her wing. Those not fortunate enough to get support from their regional DECS supervisors still came at their own expense, armed only with sheer zeal and determination to learn.

All throughout our music journeys and in dialogue with the participants, we were repeatedly informed that music classes, especially in public schools, have been reduced to nothing more than the singing of popular tunes. The lack of training among music teachers and internal administrative policies have prevented music mentors from passing on their skills in note-reading, proper counting and singing in tune, a bad case of lost opportunities.

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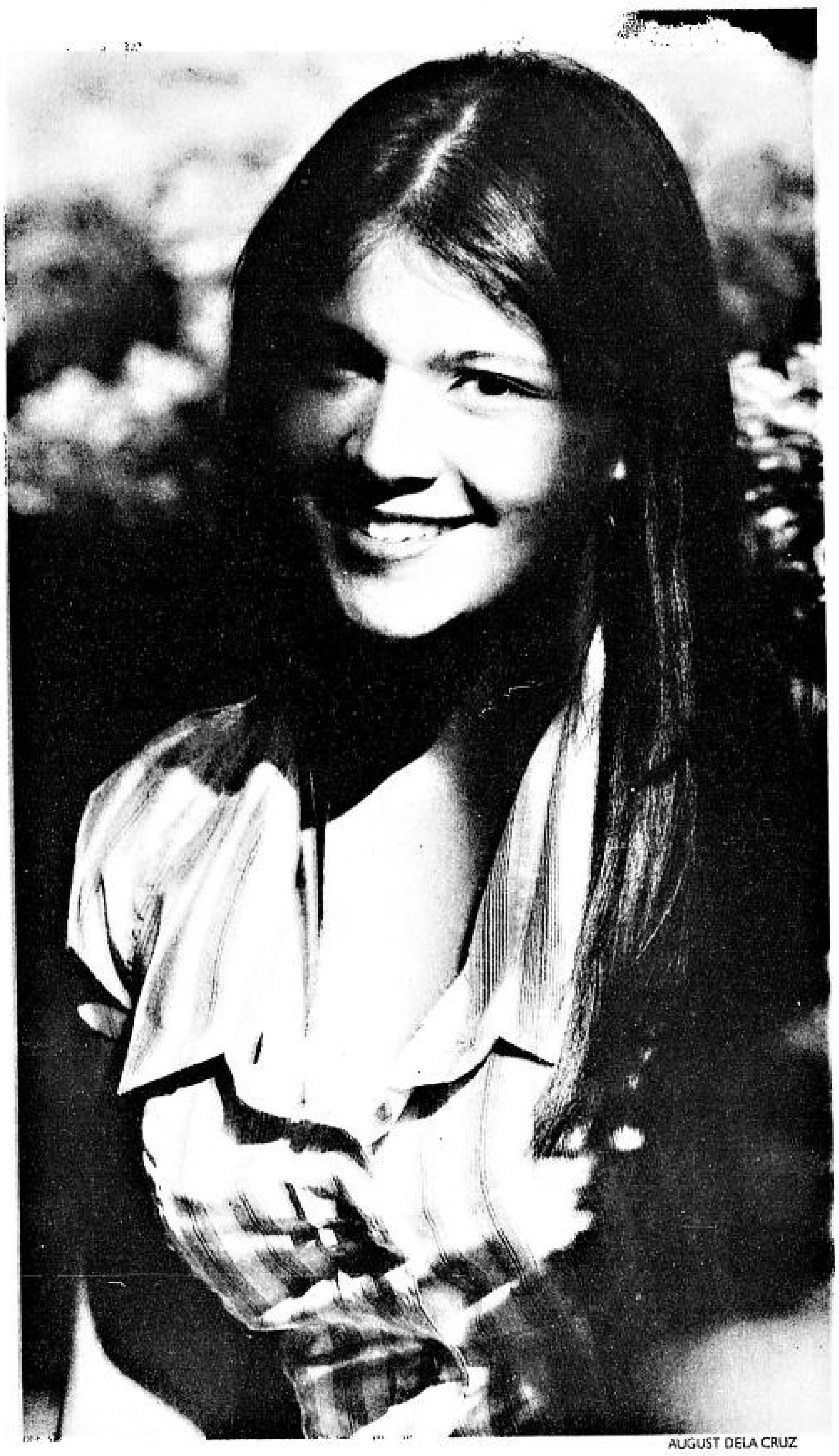

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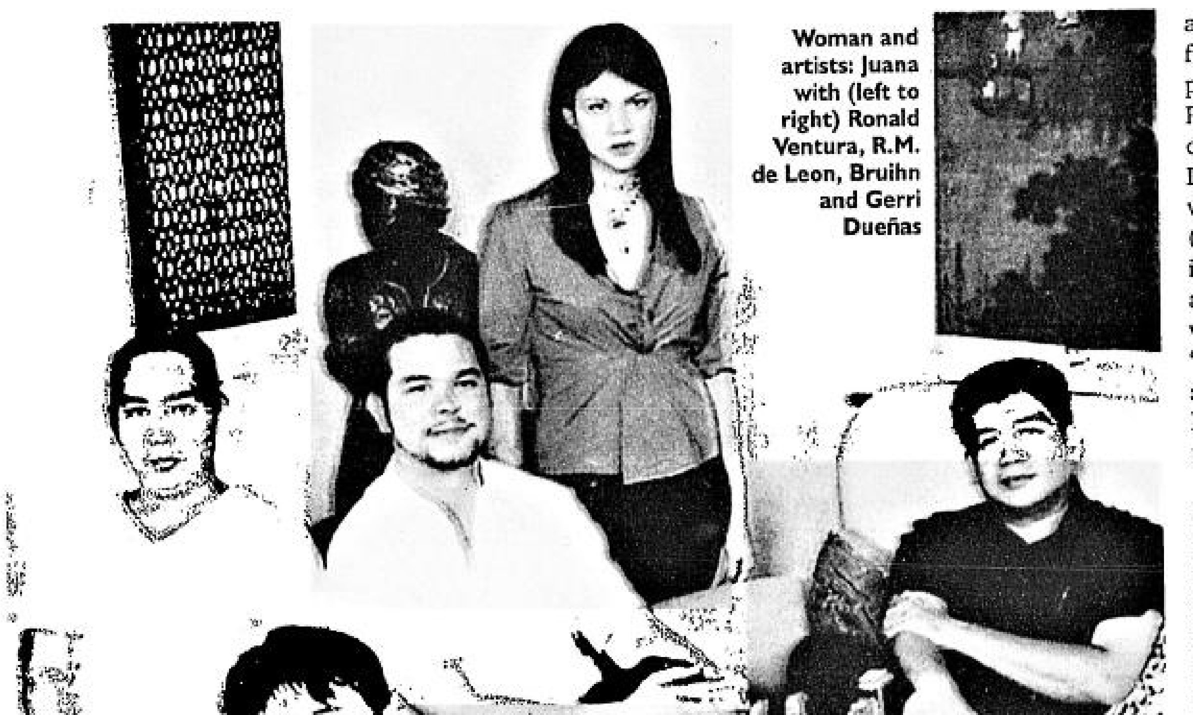

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Choirs, for their part, offer a ray of hope for the musical education of our future generations. As members of, say, a church choir, some are provided the opportunity to play the guitar or other keyboard instruments that provide harmonic support for the songs being sung. Occasionally, one hears of famous choristers from Manila, such as the Philippine Madrigal Singers, offering master classes in the art of choral singing and conducting, while the National Competition for Young Artists has regional participants for different choral and vocal categories.

I look forward to the revival of interest in classical as well as traditional folk music in all parts of the country. I hope our visits to as many places possible during our outreach musical ventures will achieve this. By interacting with our brothers and sisters in the countryside, and sharing with them our interest in and love for music, we are discovering that in the process, we are enriching our own lives as well.

At a time of crisis such as we're now facing, it's a source of vast comfort to know that there is a certain affluence in a country where music is made alive. Music, arguably, enriches and nourishes the spirit, as do all of the arts. This is the best kind of wealth, this nurturing of what a poet once referred to as the country's "soul culture."

Concert pianist J. Greg Zuniega was a scholar at the Makiling Academy of the Arts and later won a scholarship grant to study music and piano at the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory in Russia. He also took up post-graduate degrees at the Royal College of Music in London where he was awarded the Tagore Gold Medal for Excellence by the late Queen Mother Elizabeth. He teaches at the St. Scholastica's College and has performed with highly acclaimed local and international music artists.

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Other musical instruments have fared no better. Outside of Manila and Cebu, no other symphony orchestra can be found. However, because local marching bands still abound, the tradition of playing wind and percussion instruments have stayed on. But even as I write, the need for trainors for instrumentalists and accompanists in the provinces increasingly becomes imperative, as most of them have moved to Manila and other big cities.

Choirs, for their part, offer a ray of hope for the musical education of our future generations. As members of, say, a church choir, some are provided the opportunity to play the guitar or other keyboard instruments that provide harmonic support for the songs being sung. Occasionally, one hears of famous choristers from Manila, such as the Philippine Madrigal Singers, offering master classes in the art of choral singing and conducting, while the National Competition for Young Artists has regional participants for different choral and vocal categories.

I look forward to the revival of interest in classical as well as traditional folk music in all parts of the country. I hope our visits to as many places possible during our outreach musical ventures will achieve this. By interacting with our brothers and sisters in the countryside, and sharing with them our interest in and love for music, we are discovering that in the process, we are enriching our own lives as well.

At a time of crisis such as we're now facing, it's a source of vast comfort to know that there is a certain affluence in a country where music is made alive. Music, arguably, enriches and nourishes the spirit, as do all of the arts. This is the best kind of wealth, this nurturing of what a poet once referred to as the country's "soul culture." Q

Concert pianist J. Greg Zuniega was a scholar at the Makiling Academy of the Arts and later won a scholarship grant to study music and piano at the Tchaikovsky Moscow State Conservatory in Russia. He also took up post-graduate degrees at the Royal College of Music in London where he was awarded the Tagore Gold Medal for Excellence by the late Queen Mother Elizabeth. He teaches at the St. Scholastica's College and has performed with highly acclaimed local and international music artists.

This Week

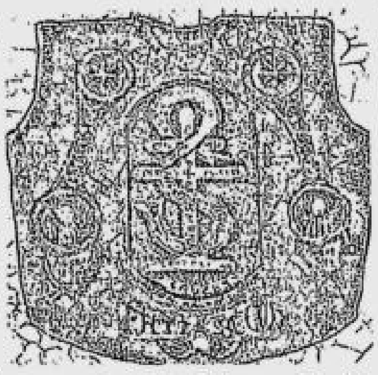
Art

8: An Artist's Collective featuring the works of Art Bermudo, Bien Benitez, Jeps Belen, Jo Austria, Lindslee, Michelle Lim, Sam Penaso and Tom Daquloag opens on Sept. 28, 6 p.m. at Mario's Restaurant, 191 Tomas Morato Avenue, QC. For details, call 724-0196.

Mother and Child: A Symphony of Love, new oils on canvas by Roland delos Santos, until Oct. 6 at Gallery 139, 3/L, Glorietta 4, Makati City.

Balabag, a series of 10 mixed media paintings by abstract artist JPalencia at Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A from Sept. 28 to Oct. 10.

Pastime, a retrospective exhibit by Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Manila until Oct. 5. For details, call 523-3331.



Ofelia Gelvezon-Tequi's *"Anting-Anting 3 7/40,"* on view at Hiraya Gallery

Thoughts Series 2: A Journey in Art, first solo painting exhibit by Mark Bitanga Del Rosario at the CCP Pasilyo Victorio Edades until Oct. 17. For details, call 832-3702.

Lush, new works in a variety of media by Noel Cuizon, Kiko Escora, Karen O. Flores, Tita V. Lim and Clairelynn Uy at The Drawing Room, G/F Metrostar Building, 1007 Metropolitan Avenue, Makati City until Oct. 19. For details, call 897-7877.

Music

Angela Bofill highlights the second anniversary celebration of Merk's Bar Bistro in Greenbelt, Makati on Sept. 27 and 28. Musical director for Bofill's Manila performance is Lorrie Ilustre. For details, call 757-4720 and 757-4721.

Onstage

Gantimpala Theater Foundation presents ***Pepe en Pilar***, a musical adventure loosely based on the popular pre-war primer featuring adults playing as children and popular animals who know how to talk, sing and dance. Performances are on Oct. 1-3, Nov. 19-21, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College Manila; Oct. 8-10, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the AFP Theater, Camp Aguinaldo, QC. For tickets, all 899-5745 and 896-3503.

Concert at the Park celebrates National Tourism Week today at 5 p.m. at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium with the Sining Bulacan (Pangkat Mananayaw ng Bulacan), Lahing Kayumanggi Dance Troupe of the Bulacan State University, Iba High School Dance Troupe and the San Pedro High School Dance Troupe performing colorful dances coupled with our own brand of music. Admission is free.

Food

Spanish gastronomy will be showcased as **Alba Restaurante Español** presents it **Regional Food Festival**, a month-long feast highlighting the best of Spanish regional cooking. The event is simultaneous with the observance of October as the fiesta month in Spain. Each regional cuisine will be highlighted in Alba's buffet offering in each of the four weeks of October. For details, call Alba Restaurant at 896-6950 to 51 and 890-4372 (Bel-Air, Makati); 925-1912, 928-7129 and 411-7050 (Tomas Morato), and 631-2216 to 17 and 437-9335 (Eastwood, Libis).

Fuego Hotels brings the **Flavors of Spain 2**, a Spanish food festival to be held at Taal Vista Hotel in Tagaytay (Oct. 16-31) then at the Pearl Farm in Davao (Nov. 13 to 30). On Nov. 19, Flavors of Spain will be launched at the Club Punta Fuego which will run until Nov. 30. The food festival's last stop will be at the Terrazas de Punta Fuego from Dec. 10 to 17. It will be launched to the media and special guests on Oct. 7 at the Tower Club in Makati. For inquiries, call Fuego Hotels at 750-1999, Taal Vista Hotel (751-3088/89) or Pearl Farm (750-1896/98).

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The **Las Piñas Garden Club** is holding a seminar on Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Aguilar's Pavillion, Las Piñas City. Topics to be discussed are butterfly culture, collection and preservation, ornamental's foliage, propagation and related concerns. For details and reservation, call Julie Aldaba at 875-1889 or 0919-2391566.

In celebration of **World Animal Welfare Week**, Powerbooks and the Philippine Animal Welfare Society will be having a pet event at the Atrium of SM Megamall A on Oct. 9. Activities include games, a story telling hour, a pet-themed art contest, face painting and caricature booths. To cap the event, there will be an awarding ceremony for My Pet and I photo contest and a Pet Fashion Show featuring guardians with their pets dressed as cartoon, movie and literary characters.

The **UP Film Institute** is now accepting applications to its **short Production Workshops**. Courses offered are: Advanced Lighting Photography, Oct. 4-9 and limited to 10 participants; Documentary Photography & Digital Printing, Nov. 11-13/18-20 and limited to 15 participants; Basic Video Production, Nov. 4-6/12-14; Scriptwriting, Oct. 22, 23, 25, 26, 27 and 29; Digital Sound Editing, Nov. 4-6. All applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call 925-0286 and 926-3640.

Studio Lighting Basics Class to be held on Oct. 6, 2 p.m. at DPI Photography Center, Jose Escriva Ave, Ortigas Center. Learn basic studio lighting concepts and how to use studio equipment in a five-hour photography workshop to be conducted by Leo Castillo. For details, call 633-6095.

Photoworks: Class 13. Build a solid foundation on the art and craft of photography as you learn not just to take better photographs but to become a better photographer. Six sessions, Wednesdays and Mondays, 7 p.m. to10 p.m., starting Oct. 6 at DPI Photography Center, Jose Escriva Ave, Ortigas Center. Class fee is P3,500, limited slots only. For inquiries, call 0917-8985362.

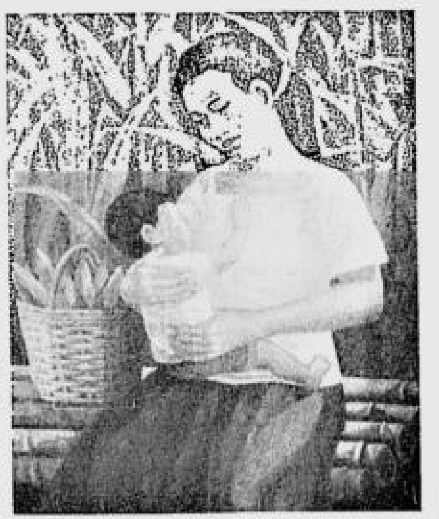
Lakad Mo, Pangarap Ko, a 5-kilometer walkathon to raise P2 million to improve the quality of public education through educational cable channel, the Knowledge Channel. The walkathon will be held on Oct. 10 and will start from the People Power Monument on Edsa to the PSC (formerly Ultra) headquarters in Pasig. The public is invited to join the walk at P200 per ticket which includes a t-shirt, fan, snack kit, drinks, welcome meal and admission to "ASAP." Registration starts at 6 a.m. on Oct. 10 and the walk starts at 7 a.m. For inquiries, call Knowledge Channel at 910-3181 to 86 local 114.

17th Negros Trade Fair, a lifestyle trade show showcasing housewares, gifts, fashion accessories, apparel, linens, furniture, gadgets, event investment opportunities and destination from the Association of Negros Producers. The fair will run from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 at Expo Exchange, Greenbelt 1, Ayala Center, Makati. The Bulawan Awards ceremony in recognition of outstanding products by ANP members will be held on Sept. 30.

The Philippine Board on Books for Young People is now accepting **entries for the 2005 PBBY-Salanga Prize**. The contest is open to all Filipino citizens except those who are related to any PBBY member up to the third degree of consanguinity. All entries must be unpublished and must not have won in any previous contests. Stories should be intended for children aged 6 to 12 years old. The plot and the sequence must be capable of sustaining an illustrated book of 28 to 32 pages. Entries may be in Filipino or English. Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced, on short bond paper. Maximum length is five pages. A contestant may send in more than one entry. All entries must be sent to the PBBY Secretariat, c/o Adarna House, Inc., Room 102, JGS Building, 30 Scout Tuazon St., Quezon City no later than 5 p.m., Oct. 1. Winners will be announced no later than Oct. 29. For contest details, call 372-3548 or email pbby@adarna.com.ph.

Leading industry players comprising the Computer Manufacturers, Distributors and Dealers Association of the Philippines gear up for the biggest Information and Communications Technology show, **COMDDAP Expo Manila 2004** on Oct. 7-9 at the NBC Tent, Fort Global City, Taguig. For interested participants, call Gina Dimayuga at 750-9456.

The **Philippine Board of Orthodontics** has released its upcoming **examination schedules** for 2005: The categories are: Phase I: Application, Interview and Dexterity Examination (April 27, 2005), application fee-P3,500, application deadline is March 30, 2005; Phase II: Written Examination (July 27, 2005), application fee-P4,000, application deadline: June 29, 2005; Phase III: Presentation of 5 Clinical Cases (Jan. 26, 2005), application fee-P4,500, application deadline is Oct. 27, 2004; and Phase IV: Presentation of 10 Clinical Cases (Jan. 26, 2005), application fee—P5,000, application deadline is Oct. 27, 2004. For inquiries, call Dr. Robert I. Eustaquio at telefax 718-4588.



Roland delos Santos' "Mother & Child 07," on view at Gallery 139

On Sept. 28, Executive Vice Mayor of Chongqing China will conduct a business forum, **The Economic Macro-Control and Western Development in China**, at the Asian Institute of Management, 3/F, SGV Case Room in Paseo de Roxas, Makati from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The forum is open to the public. There will also be a **China Chongqing Trade Show** to be held from Sept. 29 to Oct. 28 at the World Trade Center, Manila. Products to be displayed are motorcycles, engines, generators, food and textile. For details, call 929-7993 or 63 or email at info@PEPGroup.com.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation stages "Pepe en Pilar" from October to November

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The **888 Fishing Place, Bar and Restaurant** in Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite will celebrate its first anniversary on Oct. 2 at 7p.m. Acoustic bands Feedback, 2nd Session and Revive Band will lead the one-night, non-stop "Jammin' at the Pond." Tickets at P100 inclusive of one drink. For reservations, call (046) 434-0803.

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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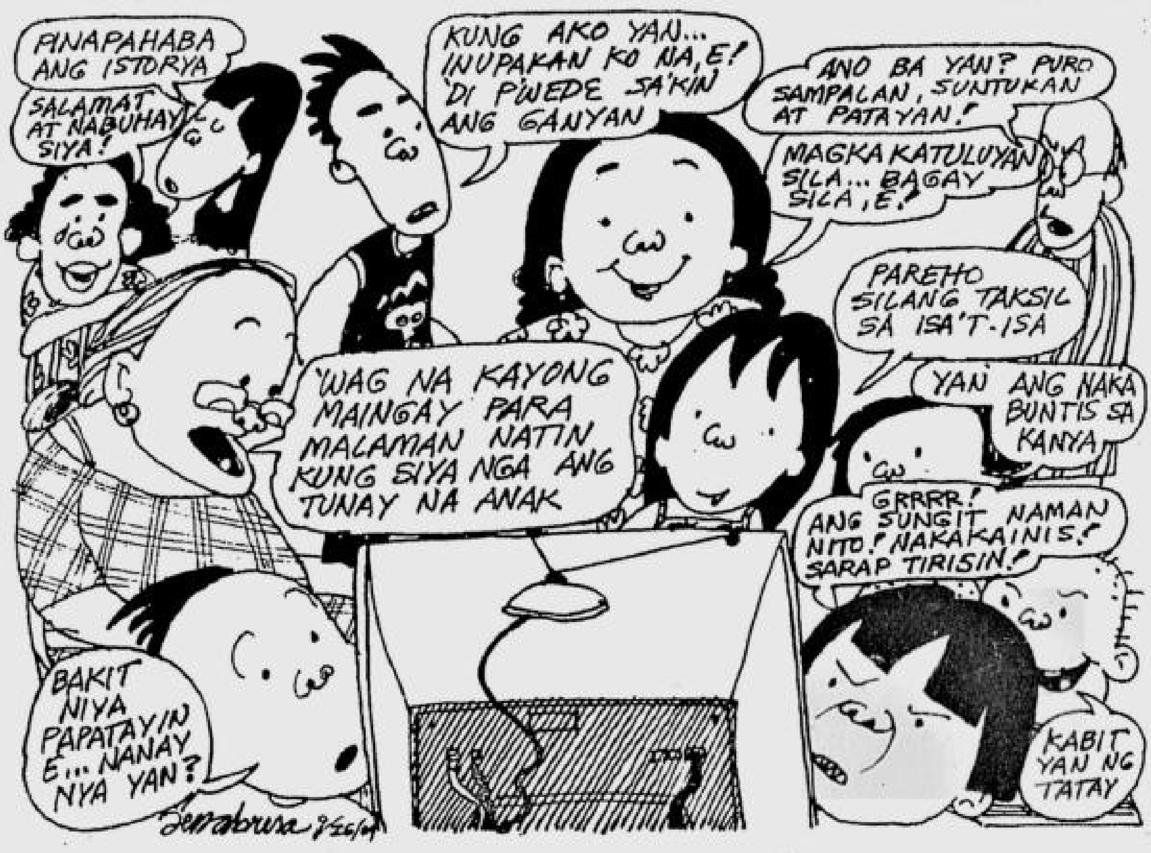
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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

Fairy Tales and Nightmares

I was devastated and it was more painful this time, because the wounds in my heart were just starting to heal, when here was another blow. Have I sinned so much to deserve this?

Dear Joe,

Just call me Angel. I'm 23 and a nurse at a reputable Quezon City hospital. I met James two years ago in my thesis class when he assisted my professor in a mock defense. A year ahead of me, James was a school heartthrob because of his good looks and his being a varsity player and class topnotcher.

He started courting me a few weeks later and things developed quickly. Soon, we were living together in a dormitory near our school and before long, I was pregnant. James talked to my parents and we got married. I gave birth to a beautiful girl named Patricia Ghaile. James then decided to pursue his career at the hospital that his family owned in Cagayan Valley. Days passed by and our lives went on just fine despite of the distance.

Sometime in October, 2003, things went wrong with the hospital and they we're forced to sell it. I went there to help out but things betwen James and myself were adversely affected by their financial woes. James decided to seek work in Saudi Arabia and I had to help him out by working in a hospital. It was really hard being away from each other. His calls and letters soon began tapering off and just as quickly as he came into my life, he was gone. I tried to keep in touch with him but to no avail. Some of my friends said he might be seeing another girl.

I tried to survive without James. This was when I met Aaron, one of the new medical interns in my unit. We went on a date and I told him about James. Aaron was like my knight in shining armor and I felt like a princess in his arms.

But it wasn't a fairy tale after all. Aaron didn't tell me that he had a fiancée who was working in Canada and that she was coming back to Manila to marry him. I was devastated and it was more painful this time, because the wounds in my heart were just starting to heal when here was another blow. Have I sinned so much to deserve this?

And then I found out that my period was delayed. Yes, Joe, I'm now carrying Aaron's child. A week ago I received an unexpected call. It was James, crying on the other line and confessing that indeed he had had an affair there. His conscience was bothering him and now he wanted to come back and start over. I didn't know what to do, so I just uttered "yes, come back" without thinking. He will be arriving third week of December while I'm supposed to give birth to Aaron's child on the last week of January 2005. I am very confused, Joe. Should I tell Aaron about my situation. How about James? I don't know who to turn to.

Sincerely,
Sweet Angel

Dear Angel,

It is sad to witness relationships fail because of distance. Somehow it is true that a neighbor is better than a brother who is far away. We have seen how the loss of communication can transform longing into nothingness. I know it is unfair to tell you that it is your fault that you got into an illicit affair with Aaron. But I do not want to tell you either that it wasn't your fault. You have brought this on yourself and I believe that the best way to deal with this is to face the consequence and just be responsible for it.

At the very least, Aaron deserves to know that you are carrying his child and even if it is difficult to tell him, James should also know about Aaron's baby. Tell him about it now so he can have more time to think and search his heart for answers. It will be painful for James but he was also to blame for this.

But now is not the time to blame each other for what you both did and failed to do. Right now, it is important to search your hearts for room for forgiveness and acceptance. If neither of you can find it then I don't think there would be anything more to discuss. I remember being asked how to find out if someone is really meant for you. It is very hard to see that but one thing's sure: the person who will love us even if there is no more reason to do so is the one meant for us.

Let us always remember that there is no mistake so wrong that it cannot be forgiven. For those who love, there is always forgiveness, and for those who forgive, there is always a fresh start.

Angel, I hope that you and James will find that space to forgive so you can start building your lives again from the shattered remains of the past.

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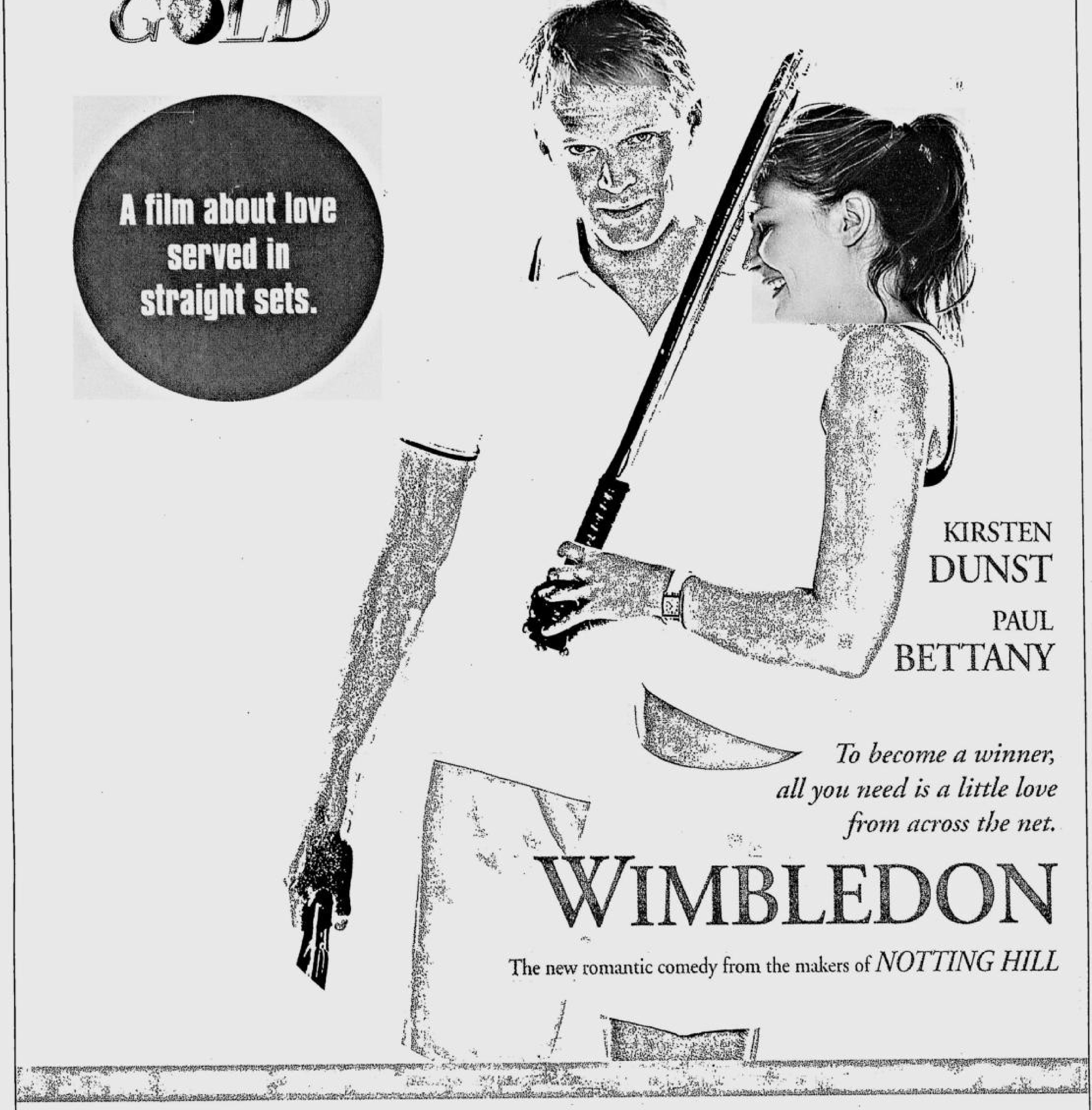

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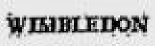
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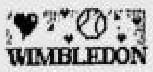
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